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Coalition Led By Dehaene **Holds Lead** In Belgium

Extreme Rightists Fail, Socialist Losses Slight Despite Wide Scandals

By Tom Buerkle international Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS — The center-left govern-ment of Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dehaene ment of Frame Minister Jean-Luc Denaene appeared headed for a new mandate on Sunday as the scandal-tainted Socialists suffered fewer losses than expected in national elections and extreme-right parties failed to make a decisive breakthrough.

The coalition's unexpectedly strong showing increased the prospect that Mr. Dehaene would be able to re-establish his government quickly and push through budget reforms aimed at attacking the massive debt and 10-percent unemploy-

Initial projections by a pollster, Kris Deschouwer, estimated that the four-party coalino of Flemish and French Christian Democrats and Socialists would win about 80 seats in the new 150-seat chamber, compared with a previous 120 out of 212 in the old chamber.

The other big surprise was the failure of the far right to profit significantly from the corruption scandals, and public weariness with unemployment and prolonged budget

The Viaams Blok, whose call for repatriating immigrants to combat imemployment is modeled on Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front in France, looked likely to exceed the 10.3 percent of the Flemish vote that it took in the 1991 national election but not the 12.3 percent won in last year's

but not the 12.3 percent won in last year's elections for the European Parliament. In Antwerp, it remained the largest party but its 26.7 percent of the vote was below the nearly 30 percent it obtained in municipal elections last year, a score that shocked the Belgian political establishment.

"The Vlaams Blok cannot double its election score at every election," admoyl-edged Filip De Winter, the party leader in

"My party is doing well, even very well."
Wilfried Martans, a sensor Christian Democrat who preceded Mr. Dehaene as prime minister, said on BRIN television. So I think that the present majority can be maintained at this moment."

Although results were delayed by computer breakdowns and the introduction of complex balloting procedures under recent constitutional changes, early tallies indicated that Mr. Dehaene's Flemish Christian De tian Democratic Party would remain the largest party in Flanders, and hence the country, beating back a challenge from the Liberal Party of Guy Verhofstadt.

That was expected, given the growing respect and popularity Mr. Dehacne has won over the past four years. But the strong showing of the Flemish Socialists was a huge surprise following bribery allogations that forced Foreign Minister Franck Vandenbroucke to resign last month and Willy Clacs, secretary-general of NATO, to appear before judicial investigators last week.

The Flemish Socialists appeared set to gain seats in the 150-seat Chamber of Representatives. "Nobody expected this result for the Socialist Party," said a party spokesman, Fons von Dyck. "The current coalition will remain in power. There is no Liberal alternative."

The strong showing by Christian Democrats and Socialists in Flanders, the Dutch-speaking northern half of Belgium, ap-peared likely to offset modest losses by their sister parties in Wallonia, the French-speaking southern half.

Three senior Walloon Socialists re-

signed last year over allegations of so-falled "gifts" to the party from the Italian helicopter maker Agusta, similar to the allegations that have plagued the Flemish Socialists. The result appeared to be a vindication

for Mr. Dehaene, who called the poll in February in a bid to benefit from an economic upswing.

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Mr. Dehacne being offered coffee Sunday by a member of homeless action group at Belgian voting station in Vilvoorde.

Three other dissidents were detained Saturday: Wang Xizhe, a longtime dissi-

dent who spent 12 years in prison for his role in the 1978-81 Democracy Wall movement, which advocated human

rights, democracy and the rule of law;

Litt Xiaobo, a Beijing professor involved in Tiananmen Square profests in 1989, and Huang Xiang, poet and dissident.

after Mr. Huang and 44 other leading

intellectuals petitioned the government

The detentions came less than a week

Japan Rejects Talks On Trade Until U.S. **Drops Sanction Threat**

By Alan Friedman

PARIS - Japan on Sunday all hut ruled out the chance of any fresh talks with the United States this week on the growing trade dispute over cars and car parts, with senior officials from Tokyo saying no ne-gotiauons could be held unless Washing-ton dropped its threat of imposing \$5.9 billion worth of punitive tariffs.

At the same time Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade representative who will be in Europe on Monday, said Washington would not back down until Tokyo took an

The U.S. threat last week of hefty sanctions against Japanese luxury car unports has already caused worldwide concern about a possible trade war.

It is also likely to cast a shadow over the meeting here this week of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, where Japanese diplomats are trying to lohhy other delegations to criticize the United States' unilateral trade threat.

Some progress had been expected on the U.S.- Japanese clash because Mr. Kantor and Ronald H. Brown, the U.S. commerce secretary, will be present Tuesday at the meeting of the 25-country economic think tank, as will Ryutaro Hashimoto, Japan's

But with both Washington and Tokyo standing firm, Japan has started a major diplomatic offensive in Europe, aimed at persuading members of the European

dent imprisoned for three years for par-ticipating in the 1978 Democracy Wall movement, to leave Beijing during the anniversary period, human rights sources said. Mr. Liu had signed a peti-

Liu Xiaobo, one of the last people to

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leave Tiananmen Square as troops closed in on the demonstrators, was taken from his girlfriend's home Wednesday, ac-

tion to Chinese leaders.

Union and the OECD to side with Tokyo against the U.S. threat.

A top aide to Mr. Hashimoto said in an interview here Sunday that Mr. Kantor and his Japanese counterpart "might say bello to each other in the corridor during the OECD meetings, but no specific meeting is scheduled."

The Japanese aide. Hisashi Hosokawa, added that "we are not refusing to meet with the Americans, but Mr. Hashimoto will not meet Mr. Kantor to discuss the car issue as long as the U.S. sanctions threat exists.

He added that the two men could still discuss other matters, such as outstanding questions regarding intellectual property rights and technology cooperation.

The Japanese trade official said Tokyo expected the United States to respond to its request for mediation at the new World Trade Organization, which it filed last week. "The ball is in Washington's court," Mr. Hosokawa said.

Mr. Kantor, who will arrive in Paris on Monday after a stopover in Brussels for talks with Sir Leon Brittan, the European Union trade commissioner, also took a tough line. He said hy telephone from Washington on Sunday that the United States would not easily drop its threat of

"I would hope my colleagues in the Japanese government would look at the situation, recognize how closed their markets have been and sit down and review the situation," Mr. Kantor said.

He added that for the United States to ift its sanctions threat under section 301 of U.S. trade legislation, Japan would have to open their markets, end the discrimination, deregulate and provide fair opportu-

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Facing Trial, Microsoft Scuttles Plan

To Buy Intuit By Lawrence M. Fisher

New York Times Service SAN FRANCISCO - Microsoft Corp. has abandoned its planned \$2 billion acquisition of Intuit Inc. because of the federal government's legal challenge to the deal, slowing the software giant's entry into the world of electronic commerce.

Microsoft said over the weekend that it scuttled the deal to buy the maker of Quicken, the leading American personal finance program, because it did not want to deal with the protracted litigation that might be required. The purchase would have been the largest in the software industry's history and would have given Microsoft an attractive finance program to use in conjunction with its planned on-line net-

On April 28, the Justice Department filed suit to block the deal, saying it would lead to higher prices for consumers and less innovation in the market for personalfinance software. At the time, Bill Gates, Microsoft's chairman and chief executive, said: "Our enthusiasm for hringing Intuit and Microsoft together is very, very strong, exactly as it was when we first announced the plan to come together."

But Microsoft said over the weekend that it was backing off rather than facing months of wrangling with the government in court. On Friday, the Justice Depart-ment accused lawyers for Microsoft and Intuit of acting in bad faith and asked a federal judge to push hack the opening of a trial scheduled to begin on June 26 in federal district court in San Francisco.

"We're disappointed not to be able to

combine Intuit and Microsoft on a timely

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China Holds 5 as Tiananmen Anniversary Nears

Hariri Renamed To Lead Lebanon

Chu Hailan

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BEIJING — China has detained five

prominent dissidents and stepped up the surveillance of others as the sixth anni-

versary of the Tiananmen Square crack-

On Sunday, the police detained Wang Dan, who was jailed for four years as a leader of the 1989 demonstrations, and

Lin Nianchan, who was taken from his

home in Beijing, according to his wife,

down on June 4, 1989, approaches.

BEIRUT (Reuters) — President Elias Hrawi of Lebanon named Rafik Hariri for a second term as prime minister on Sunday, two days after the billionaire tycoon who spearheaded Lebanon's postwar revival had resigned as head of

Mr. Hariri, who will consult with the 128 legislators on Monday and Tuesday on the shape of the new cabinet, said shortly after his nomination that he wanted to form a more cohesive goverment that would continue the march of postwar reconstruction.

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Youngsters in the Workplace

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to show greater tolerance and reverse the

label of "counterrevolutionary" imposed

on the Tiananmen Square demonstra-

tors. Instead of tolerance, the government appears to have shown that it re-

mains on guard against its leading critics.

nears, the government has also reported-ly ordered schools and work units to har

people from traveling to the capital.

Before his detention Sunday, the government ordered Liu Nianchun, a dissi-

As the anniversary of the crackdown

BURDENED — P. V. Narasimha Rao, the embattled prime minister of India, praying Sunday under the gaze of Sonia Gandhi, the widow of Rajiv Gandhi, on the fourth anniversary of the assassination of her husband. Page 4.

End of the Drive-By White House View

By Ann Devroy and Steve Vogel Washington Papt Service

WASHINGTON - Lamenting the "changing nature and scope" of terrorist threats, President Bill Clinton abruptly has closed Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House to motor vehicle traffic, shutting a symbol of national openness that had endured from the founding of the

Police cruisers sealed off the avenue be-

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tween 15th and 17th streets and U.S. Park
Service workers began setting up wooden

Closing the street was one of 11 recommendations from the panel he accepted. Service workers began setting up wooden sawhorses. The sawhorses were later replaced by concrete barriers, which were also used to seal off parts of Lafayette Square, State Place and South Executive Avenue, behind the Old Executive Office

"It's history," said Robert Williams, a Park Service employee who helped put up the barriers Saturday. "It shows the chang-ing times and the way things are today." Kenneth Dale Bristow, a security guard walking home after his overnight shift,

greeted the new avenue with a look of stunned dismay. "Having Pennsylvania Avenue open gave me a really good feeling," he said, "I understand that 40 years ago, there wasn't even a fence around the White House. To

see this happening is very discouraging." Mr. Clinton directed Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin to close off the avenue on Friday night after he was briefed on the results an eight-month review of security at the White House done by a teem of experts and vetted by a panel of six outsiders. Mr. Clinton announced the decision in his weekly radio address. He said that he

was reluctant to accept the recommenda-tions, but that "it would be irresponsible to ignore considered opinion or to obstruct their decisions about the safety of our public officials." Closing the street, he said, is a "practical

step" to protect against a terrorist attack and should be seen "as a responsible security step necessary to preserve our freedom, not part of a long-term restriction on our freedom." The decision was made with no public

debate or prior notice and with much of the justification contained in classified documents that administration officials would not describe. The White House broadly interpreted

the Treasury Department's legal authority to protect the president as sufficient authority to close streets. Officials posted notices on lampposts as the harricades

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Scheme's Losers: So Rich, So Credulous

By Sharon Walsh Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON -- How could they be so gullible?

The individuals who believed that the Foundation for New Era Philanthrop ontside Philadelphia was going to double their money in six months included former Treasury Secretary William E. Simon, who gave the foundation \$6.5 million and Laurance S. Rocketeller who lion, and Laurance S. Rockefeller, wac

gave \$11.3 million. The nonprofit groups that entrusted their money to New Era included the Nature Conservancy, the University of Pennsylvania and numerous small Chris-

New Era's president, John G. Bennett Jr., told his clients that their money would be doubled, or matched, by seven wealthy donors who wished to do good works but remain anonymous. The list of donors' names was so secret that Mr.

Bennett said he kept it in a safe-deposit

But, investigators say, the safe-deposit box was empty and Mr. Bennett's organization was a giant Ponzi scheme, in which early investors were paid from the proceeds of later ones. Last week, a federal hankruptcy judge ordered the liqui-dation of New Era, which has assets of \$80 million and liabilities of \$550 mil-

That may mean hard times for some charities and universities that had placed money with New Era. Some were so tempted by the promises of matching funds that they borrowed the money to give New Era and have nothing to show

for it but their debt. Mr. Bennett insisted that his clients had to turn the money they wanted matched over to New Era because "that's

the way the anonymous donors want it." Mr. Bennett told other clients that he needed to invest their money so that his organization could use the interest for operating expenses.

Mr. Bennett, New Era's founder and a former drug counselor, is now accused of fraud by the Securities and Exchange Commission, which says he diverted \$4.2 million from New Era to his own businesses. He has denied wrongdoing

The New Era case is just one in a long line of deals in which people or institutions who wanted to make big money fast were clobbered by their own lack of skepticism. Americans lost about \$100 billion to white-collar fraud last year,

according to government estimates. One longtime investigator of securities fraud was mystified, "Why can this happen and happen on such a scale to people who should know better?" the investigator asked. "You can only sit dumbfound-

But others said the answer was simple See SCHEME, Page 6

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Sold Into Servitude Youngsters in the Workplace

Life Without Play for India's Child Laborers

By Molly Moore

EWARI, India - Dinesh Devran, 11, crouched before a loom in a dim, hot mud but, where he knots carpets 10 hours a day - his sweat the interest payment on loans taken by his family. Dinesh, whose employer's rugs sometimes end up in high-priced carpet shops ahroad, said his days began at 7 A.M. and did not end until sunser, when he would be allowed to eat. Son of a poor farmer in the heart of northern India's carpet-making belt, he started working

the looms when he was 9 and has never been to school. "I was sent here to work off the loans my parents took from him," the boy whispered, nodding toward the loom owner, who stood just out of earshot. Every time a carpet is finished — after about two and a half months — I get

paid 300 rupees." That comes out to about 12 cents a

Dinesh, clad in a tattered T-shirt and grimy underpants, is one of about 55 million child laborers working for employers other than their parents in India. according to Operations Research Group, an Indian organization that has conducted a study for the Labor Minis-

That number will leap to more than 70 million by the turn of the century. Indian demographers estimate, as the country's rapidly growing population pushes more rural families into poverty while economic liberalization fuels demand for many products made with child labor.

Worldwide, as many as 200 million children from the ages of 10 to 14 are working in jobs that are dangerous, unhealthy and often inhumane, according to the International Labor Organization. In the poorest developing countries, nearly one of every five children bolds a iob, among them children as young as 5, the organization's surveys show.

Although children's rights advocates

and protests from Western countries have increased awareness of the problem and resulted in new laws restricting child labor, the governments of most South Asian nations have done little to enforce the laws or curb the growing practice. We have laws, but the government

has found it's not always possible to enforce them in a country as large as India," Finance Minister Manmohan Singh, chief architect of India's economic liberalization program, said at an annual budget briefing.

The world's largest concentration of child laborers is on the populous Indian subcontinent.

In India, Pakistan and Nepal, young-sters weave the carpets sold in some of the most expensive home-decorating stores in the United States, according to interviews with loom owners and exporters. In Pakistan, where about 50 percent of all soccer balls sold in the United States are made, child laborers make up about 25 percent of the workforce that makes those balls, according to an investigation by the Washington-based Chil-dren's Literacy Program. Many of the factories are in the Sailkot district near Lahore.

In a new setback to children's rights efforts in Bangladesh, garment manufac-turers last week refused to sign an accord with international agencies to end child labor in their factories, calling the plan unnecessary and intrusive.

HILD labor is hardly a new phenomenon. It was common practice in the West during the Industrial Revolution and continued to be used on a wide scale in the United States as late as the 1930s. Children in the developing world bave long labored beside their families on farms, in local cottage craft industries and as servants for the wealthy landowners for whom their parents worked. In poor nations such as India and Pakistan, where so many people live on the edge of despair, child labor arguably is a major factor in the survival of millions of fam-

In India, 75 percent of the population lives in rural areas. The land holdings of each successive generation are shrinking, forcing massive numbers of people to work as day laborers for pay that is sometimes nothing more than a handful

of rice and beans at the end of the day. At the same time, thousands of new industries are opening to supply both export demands and India's growing middle class. Large numbers of Western countries are farming out labor to factories in Third World countries where production costs are far cheaper. Meanwhile, local factory owners attempting to dodge India's powerful labor unions and cut costs are turning to the ever-growing pool of destitute families eager to put their children to work.

One of the most controversial industries that thrives on child labor is carpet manufacturing. Loom owners prefer to employ children because their thin, nimble fingers can work taut looms much more efficiently than those of an adult.

By the time the youngsters reach their mid-teens, their fingers and hands often are badly damaged from the cuts and nicks of the knives and strings used in knotting; their eyesight has grown weak from long hours of tedious work in dark rooms, and their growth often is stunted hy years of sitting in uncomfortable, bunched positions.

Bhagirathi, a thin 10-year-old, said his father sold him to a loom owner for \$20 when he was 8. In a year and a half working on the looms, Bhagirathi said.

he was never paid any wages.
"I start work at 7 A.M. every day," said the youngster, who was interviewed shortly after the South Asian Coalition on Child Servitude took him from the loom owner in the Mirzapur district in the north Indian state of Uttar Pradesh where the majority of India's carpets are produced. "I have skin infections and feel itchy all the time, but they give me no medicines."

Child Workers of Nepal, an activist group based in Katmandu, said half of the country's estimated 300,000 carpet workers were children. It surveyed 365 factories and found that 50 percent of the child workers were frequently ill, almost half of the girls were sexually abused, 90 percent of the youngsters worked in buildings with poor ventilation, lighting and work spaces and 75 percent of all the workers were 14 or

Although they are now more sensitive to criticism for employing child labor, loom owners do not apologize for using the youngsters to make their carpets.
"No one will say child labor is good,"

said Ram Chandra Maunya of the Mirzapur-based Prasad Carpet Emporium, which ships carpets to the United States. "But what is the alternative for these poor children?" he added, "There's a lot of pressure to remove them from the looms. But if we remove them totally. they'll starve and die, and it will be on our conscience. You have to look at it from the humanitarian point of view."

NDIA'S largest pool of child labor for carpets is in the Palamu and Garhwa districts of the country's poorest state, Bihar, in the drought-prone northern plains. The land there is so dry and infertile that families cannot live off their own crops, and more than one in every 10 people migrate out of the region several months each year to work as day laborers in stone quarries or brick kilns. Many families live on incomes of less than \$60 a year.

In normal times, 30 percent of the residents do not have enough to eat; in times of drought, the figure increases to 53 percent, according to a recent study by The Action Research Unit, an inde-

pendent group in New Delhi.
In such environments, carpet-makers find a willing labor force. Children are usually recruited by middlemen who comb villages for the most destitute fam-

In the sun-scorched village of Jamua in the Garhwa district, the tactics of a villager known as Kishno are typical of the carpet agents. Two years ago, he approached Gibasia, a farm woman whose husband is too feeble to work the

"Kishno said, 'You are poor,'" recounted Gibasia, the mother of five children. " 'At least in Mizapur your boy will earn enough to make a living for him-

Gibasia said Kishno paid \$16 for ber eldest son, Santosh, 9. She decided to disregard the vague stories she had heard about the poor treatment of the children

working the looms.
"If I had enough grains from the land, enough water and food — would I not gather all my children and keep them close to me?" she said. "Why would I send them away? It is my helplessness, my poverty.

In the last several years, the increasing use of child labor has prompted a grow-ing outcry from the United States, Germany and other Western nations, as well as greater social consciousness in India.

In India, 4,000 people have been convicted of violating child labor laws, but 3,500 of the accused were fined the equivalent of only \$5, according to a



A young Indian girl lining up sticks for dipping in a match factory.

report by an Indian chamber of commerce and the International Labor Organization.

Rather than reducing child labor, the laws and the negative publicity have prompted factory owners to find new ways of circumventing legal restrictions - and of dodging activists who conduct surprise raids to rescue child workers. Instead of producing carpets in large

factories with dozens of looms, factory owners parcel the work out to smaller loom owners, subcontractors in distant villages where it is more difficult for government workers, journalists and anti-child-labor groups to inspect the premises. The practice also allows owners to exploit the fact that hidian law does not probabit the use of child labor in small shops and workplaces.

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Pope Appeals for Christian Unity on Czech Trip

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SVATY KOPECEK, Czech ness for whatever harm her sons and daughters have suffered," be told a rain-soaked congregation on the former Soviet air base where the Mass was held.

The Pope made the first of Sunday for the historical sins two pleas for forgiveness among divided Christians as he The Pope held out an olive conferred sainthood on a 17thnominations in two speeches on that has argened Czech Protes-

They were among the 75eas of Europe torn by religious year-old Pope's most explicit statements on the need for Catholics and other Christians to work for mutual forgiveness

He returned to the theme of for the wrongs inflicted on non- the Roman Catholic Church's Catholics during the turbulent historical failings at a rally for history of these peoples," he more than 10,000 young people said at a Mass outside the east- at the hilltop shrine of Svaty Kopecek, outside Olomouc. He told the young people

of the blame for the division that with Christianity. "The consideration of the ex-

tenuating circumstances does not exonerate the church from her obligation to express profound regret for the weakness of so many of her sons and daughters who sullied her face," wrote on how Catholics should prepare for the year 2000.

The Pope has raised forgiveness often in recent years but his statement on Sunday was one of his most solemn.

The canonization of Jan Sarkander on Sunday cast a shadow over the Pope's three-day visit, which is to include a brief trip across the border into his native Poland on Monday.

The leader of a major Protestant denomination boycotted a meeting with the Pope and a

As Zaire Eases Controls. **Ebola Death Toll Mounts**

GENEVA - The death toll from the Ebola virus outbreak proved ineffective. in southwestern Zaire has risen to 101 out of a total of 137 known infections, the World Health Organization said Sun-

The United Nations agency also said that the first fatal cases of Ebola fever in the Kikwit area dated back to last December, not to March 1995 as earlier believed. The latest figures represent

an increase of four deaths since Saturday, when the WHO reis rted a total of 128 cases from late March, including 37 people confirmed killed by the virus. Zairian authorities, mean-while, lifted a blockade aimed

at preventing people from entering the capital of Kinshasa from the virus-infected region,

admitting that the weeklong quarantine of the capital had

As hundreds of stranded trucks thundered through the main roadblock at Mongata, 150 kilometers (90 miles) north of Kinshasa, the city's governor said that the closure had been counterproductive.

"The measures that were taken were so useless that they risked harming Zaire's relations with the outside world," Governor Bernedin Mungul Diaka said. Maintaining them, he added, "would have exposed the to poor conditions."

Ebola was first recorded in Zaire in 1976 and again three years later in Sudan. There is no known vaccine against the virus, which spreads through contact with bodily fluids.

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Church had to admit its share Saturday to protest the canon-

Jan Sarkander was a priest accused by the Protestant rulers of committing high fiteson by aiding invading Polish Catholic forces in 1620.

The Reverend Pavel Smeta-

the Catholic Church's forgive- that the Roman Catholic dozen other religious leaders argued medicates to the Pope that the priest was an agent of a foreign imperial power.

Roman, Camolic majority, the Czech Republic has some deep Protestant roots stretching back to the Hussite movement founded by the reformer Jan

na, who leads the Evangelical. His, who was burned at the he said, quoting a letter he Church of the Czech Brethren, state in 1415; (Reuters, NYT)

TRAVEL UPDATE

A Promising Summer for U.S. Travel

NEW YORK (NYT) — Spurred by an improving economy, widespread discounts and growing consumer confidence, the travel industry is anticipating America's biggest-ever summer vacation season.

Summer 1995, which the industry defines as the more than three months from Memorial Day to Labor Day, is expected to get off to a roating start next week when about 29.8 million travelers take advantage of the long Memorial Day weekend to visit relatives or friends, amusement parks or art museums, beaches or baccarat

The American Automobile Association and the Air Transport Association have predicted that Memorial Day will mark the beginning of a summer of record crowds on the highways and in the air. By Labor Day, if the projections prove correct, Americans will have taken 230 million trips of 100 miles (160 kilometers) or more away from home, a 2 percent increase compared with last

Most restaurants in New York City are abiding by a 6-week-old ban on smoking, despite angry protests by some owners that it is costing them business, leaving the dining rooms of large restantants and taverns almost smoke-free, the city and a restaurant of the city and a restaurant survey publisher have reported.

This Week's Holidays

Banking and government offices will be closed or services curtailed in the following countries and their dependencies this week because of national and religious holidays:

MONDAY: Bulgaria, Camada, Sri Lanka, Yemen. TUESDAY: Bulgaria, Jamaica, Morocco.

WEDNESDAY: Belize, Bernarda, Bulgaria, Burms, Ecuador.

THURSDAY: Andorra, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Botswans, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Deimark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Indonesia, Veory Coast, Iordan, Lescobo, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mali, Mamritania, Monseo, Namika, Netherlanda, Norway, Rwanda, Senegal, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Togo, Vanican City, Zambia, Zimbahwe.

FRIDAY: Beiginm, Georgia.

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By B. Drummond Ayres New York Three Service

PHOENIX, Arizona -Probably no institution in American political and cultural life has had its obitinary written more often than the National Rifle Association.

Yet again and again it has risen from the dead. Witness the congressional elections last fall in which, despite earlier under siege, and if the siege is passage of the Brady law and come of the worst it has ever other regulations governing the sale of handguns and assault rifles, the organization played a preparing to surrender. significant role in electing the

association gathered here over the weekend for the group's 124th annual convention, the organization once more found itself under fire, this time facing the most withering assault in recent memory, with not only old enemies hut also some old

friends joining in the attack. The Predictably, the NRA is returning the fire, round for round, and if history is any guide, it is far too soon to write another obimary for this potent voice of the nation's gun lobby. Fairly or unfairly, the Oida-homa City bombing, with its tenuous ties to members of the heavily armed rightist militias

now spreading around the

country, has turned out to be a

public relations disaster for the NRA and the 3.5 million members it claims. And a fund-raising letter in which the association called federal gun control agents "jackbooted government thugs," has turned out to be an

even bigger disaster. In addition to the usual assemblage of congressional, anti- worded." gun and anti-violence critics who rushed in to scold, Presi-viewpoint of most convention-ple." dent Bill Clinton, himself a eers here, he said the associahunter, has accused the NRA of from should continue to press its House, Mark Killian, took an

George Bush, a hunter and longtime member, has sent in a tter of resignation

"We have an exciting few days planned for you," Wayne Re LaPierre Jr., the associa-tion's executive vice president, and in masterly understatement in his welcoming message to the conventioneers.

But if the NRA is once again faced, there nevertheless was no real evidence here that it was

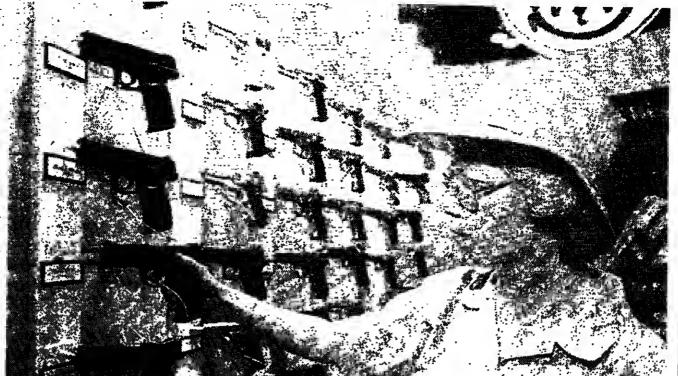
Mr. LaPierre, the author of friendlier Republican majority, the acerbic fund-raising letter, With 22,000 members of the has offered an apology of sorts, saying he is sorry his letter was interpreted as an attack on all law officers. He said his words had been aimed only at agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the agency responsible for enforcing gun control laws

That said, he and the huge NRA members who showed up here were standing fast.

"The letter hit the nail on the head," said Rowan Kloppe, a lifetime member of the association from High Ridge, Missouri. I know a lot of law enforcement officers, and I haven't met one yet who doesn't consider federal firearms agents to be a blinch of trigger-happy cow-

Another lifetime member, Neal Nuber of Beloit, Wisconsin, said the fund-raising letter had caused a "small split" among the NRA members because of its strong thetoric, and he suggested that future NRA rhetoric "be more carefully

Still, appearing to express the giving "aid and comfort" to cases firmly. "You have to keep criminals, and former President the government accountable."



A member of the National Rifle Association checking out the Smith & Wesson display at the group's convention.

he said. "We should press our

Did the group support the formation of citizen militias? In a group of 3.5 million people," he replied, "you're going to have a few communists and a few paramilitary types. That doesn't make us bad peo-

The speaker of the Arizona even harder line.

boasted of his own NRA mem- and the glories of the great outbership. "If you downgrade the doors. But with congressional Second Constitutional Amendment and its gum protection provisions, then next it's the Fifth Amendment and then the First and on and on. Protecting volved in the debate of them is what the NRA is all stitutional gun rights.

out with that as its main role. It Support among American percent overall support as a sporting organizagun owners for National Rifle sitions of the group.

conventioneers in a much-aption, promoting gun safety and plauded speech in which he target shooting and hunting tion, promoting gun safety and Association positions has passage of major federal gun control in the late 1960s in reaction to rising violence, the NRA became more and more involved in the debate over con-

The association did not start
Gun-Owner Backing Slips

dropped significantly, with 47 percent expressing overall egreement, according to a nationwide poll, Reuters reported from New York.

The results of the Time Magazine/CNN Poll of 600 gun owners represents a drop of almost 30 percent from a December 1989 poll, which showed 67

POLITICAL NOTES

President Takes to the Bully Pulpit

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton may have lost the Congress, but he still has the pulpit — and Mr. Clinton has vowed that he is more determined than ever to use his White House platform to hold forth broadly on moral and social problems ailing the nation.

And hold forth he did, for nearly an bour, in a weekend address to the second annual "White House Conference on Character Building for a Civil and Democratic Society." Mr. Clinton turned in a kaleidoscopic performance, offering himself as politician, professor and preacher.

The president speculated on the psychology of "angry white males." He lectured about how schools can do more to teach children right and wrong. He talked broodingly about the link between violence and entertainment. He confessed to having used unfair rhetoric about bureaucrats and vowed to repent. And he ruminated about how rapid economic and technological change is challenging the nation's sense of community.

The talk showed a side of Mr. Clinton that aides say the public will soon be seeing more of. Encouraged by the generally positive response to his words of healing after the Oklahoma City bombing, White House aides said be wants to talk more often about expansive themes dealing with the nation's moral health.

Clinton Aide Can Breathe Easier

WASHINGTON - The Whitewater independent counsel has decided not to indict President Clinton's most trusted aide, Bruce Lindsey, before a deadline this week on federal banking charges. Mr. Lindsey, who is the deputy White House counsel, had been notified in February that he was the target of an investigation of the concealment of cash transac-tions during Mr. Clinton's 1990 campaign for re-election as governor of Arkansas.

The counsel's office in Little Rock, Arkansas, said that the prosecutors would begin no prosecution on or before Thursday, the statute of limitations deadline for hringing hank charges against Mr. Lindsey for a series of transactions that occurred during that 1990 campaign.

The statement also said that the investigation was continuing: theoretically, Mr. Lindsey could be charged under other laws that do not have so close a deadline.

Dole Adviser Apologizes for Slur

WASHINGTON - Edward Rollins Jr., a senior adviser to Senator Bob Dole's campaign for the Republican nomination for president, has touched off a political furor by referring to two Jewish congressmen as "Hymie boys." Mr. Rollins issued an abject apology, and the Dole camp said it would stand by

Mr. Rollins made the offending comment at a San Francisco dinner for Speaker Willie Brown Jr. of the California State Assembly. His speech was part of the dinner's "roast" of Mr. Brown, who is considering a run for mayor of San Francisco.

Mr. Rollins said that Mr. Brown actually wanted to he mayor of Los Angeles, and he added, "If elected mayor of L.A., he could show those Hymie boys, Berman and Waxman, who were always trying to make Willie feel inferior for not being Jewish." He was referring to Howard L. Berman and

Henry A. Waxman, both California Democrats. In letters to Mr. Waxman and Mr. Betman, Mr. Rollins said, "I apologize profusely" for the "totally inappropriate remark."

(NYT)

Quote / Unquote:

with any of that," he said.

A Washington television sta-

tion, WUSA-TV, said authori-

ties wanted to talk to a man

thought to be a rival for the

affections of Mr. Smith's girl-

friend. The bureau would not

comment on that possible link.

The package had a return ad-dress of Hazard, Kentucky, the

Only the bomh's detonator exploded, Mr. Hynes said.

television station said.

Wayne LaPierre, executive vice president of the National Rifle Association, taunting President Clinton at the group's annual convention in Phoenix: "We're the people who helped clean out Congress in 1994, and we are going to help clean your clock in 1996."

(AP)

AMERICAN TOPICS

Cute Babies Are Cuddled More

A new study says mothers of cute newborns showed more affection toward their infants than mothers of homely babies did, as measured by such things as holding the child-close, patting him or her and cooing endear-

"We're not supposing that parents are not completely in love with their babies even if their babies are maintractive," said Jean Ritter, a researcher. "All these mothers treated their babies positively and generally saw their babies in a favorable light." Dr. Ritter, an assistant professor of psychology at California State University in Fresno, reported the work with Judith Lang-

lois of the University of Texas at Austin and others in the May issue of the journal Developmental Psychology.
The study compared the behavior of 67 mothers with attractive first born babies and

69 mothers with unattractive first borns at a hospital in Austin. Attractiveness was rated by a group of college students who looked at color photos of the babies; the mothers were not asked for

Short Takes

their own ratings.

In 1990, Dorothy Diane Rose strangled her two children, Michael, 2, and Jessica, 13 months, with a bathrobe sash. Psychiatrists months, with a bathrobe sash. Psychiatrists said she was insane, driven over the edge by fear of losing her children in a custody fight with her estranged lusband. Instead of prison, she was committed to five years of psychiatric care in a hospital in Tampa, Florida. Now, she says she is cured and wants to work as a baby-sitter. A judge has set a hearing for June 6. "Given her history, we don't think it's

an appropriate area of employment for ber." said Jay Pruner, an assistant state attorney.

Public and collegiate Ebraries are starting to throw the book at scofflaw borrowers. They are turning to courts, computer tracking, automated phone calls, collection agencies and other aggressive means to recover millions of unreturned items. Some are finding that the genteel methods of the past - fines and petiodic amnesties —don't do the job. In Virginia, libraries are electronically linked to the offices of state tax auditors, who deduct library debts from tax refunds and lottery 2. 1500 1

Speaking of libraries, San Antonio has what may be the loudest library in the United States. The new \$33 million, six-story concrete building by the architect Ricardo Legorreta is a collection of bold geometric shapes, mostly in a bright "enchilada red." The name of the color was chosen in a newspaper survey. Among other nominations were Liberry Red, Don't-Look-at-It-With-a-Hangover Red and Bleeding Heart Liberal Red. The interior is also bright, mostly in yellow and purple. Said one Texan, Marybelen Isaac: "It stands out. If you say, 'Meet me at the library,' well, there it is."

The Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus blamed an impatient driver who was stuck behind a line of six circus elephants at a shopping mall in Hanover, Pennsylvania, for spooking the beasts by honking his horn. The confused, trumpeting elephants lumbered through a parking lot, sitting on cars and breaking windows in a van and an auto supply store while trainers chased them. One of the elephants, named Freda, was cut and was treated by a veterinarian as she swatted her trunk hack and forth. "I work with large animals," said Dr. Donald L. Yorlets, who was delivering a calf when he was called. "Usually not this

International Herald Tribune.

A Buddy Implicates Suspect In Bombing, Authorities Say

By Pierre Thomas Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - An old army buddy of Timothy James McVeigh's has told federal prosecutors that he drove to Oklahoma City in April with Mr. McVeigh and that Mr. McVeigh told him that be

Michael Fortier, 27, told prosecutors that before the April 19 bombing, he and Mr. McVeigh drove to the Alfred P. up the nine-story structure where several bundred federal employees worked.

During the trip, Mr. Fortier told authorities, Mr. McVeigh confided he was going to detonate a bomb.

"He said something to the effect that McVeigh said, 'I'm going to blow it up,' " a senior law enforcement official said Friday night. Mr. Fortier's alleged re-

marks could significantly bol-versations with her. ... ster the government's case Kingman, Arizona, where against Mr. McVeigh, who Mr. McVeigh lived in the along with another army hud-dy, Terry Nichols, is a suspect in the bombing. months immediately preceding the bombing, has been a pri-mary site of the federal investi-

and appearances before a federal grand jury.

It was unclear whether Mr. ciated with Mr. McVeigh in at thorities were elated to obtain further implicate Mr. the remarks, they now had to McVeigh. intensify their investigation of

mastermind," the official said. Mr. Fortier is one of a oumber of Mr. McVeigh's friends. relatives and associates who have come under intense scrutiny by FBl and Bureau of Al-Murrah Federal Building, apparently on a mission to size agents in the wake of the deadliest terrorist assault in U.S. history, which killed 167 people, including 19 children.

Federal authorities have repeatedly interviewed Jennifer McVeigh, the suspect's sister, and she was recently asked to take a polygraph test. Authori-ties have obtained correspondence from Mr. McVeigh to his sister in which he warned her that federal agents might be monitoring his telephone con-

sions with federal prosecutors suspect's life and learn who his friends and associates were.

Oklahoma City bomhing.

"We want to dispet those friends and associates were.

Fortier's remarks were part of least the past year, authorities a deal with federal authorities. hoped to find co-conspirators One source said that while au- or new evidence that would

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everyone known to have asso-

McVeigh told him that be planned to blow up the federal building there, according to seminor large enforcement of finish and a mastermind the official said. Mr. Fortier. "We don't want to let him off easy if he turns out to he a mastermind the official said." Was Not Political, U.S. Says thoughts that it's associated

WASHINGTON - A mail bomb that partly exploded in the apartment of a U.S. senstor's aide, wounding the aide slightly, was not politically motivated, a government official

The aide, Will Smith, who works for Senator Mitch McConnell, Republican of Kentucky, received minor cuis on his hands and face when he opened the package on Friday in his Washington apartment. More than 100 residents were evacuated from the huilding as a precaution.

Patrick Hynes, a spokesman for the Bureau of Alcohol, To-Mr. Fortier made the state- gation, as authorities have at- not associated with anti-govments after a series of discus- tempted to piece together the erament sentiment or the recent

bacco and Firearms, said over the weekend that the bomh was

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U.S. Seeks Talks With North on Korea Armistice

SEOUL — The United States has called for top-level military talks this week with North Korea after Pyongyang's recent moves to dismantle the Korean War armistice accord, a South Korean Defense Ministry spokesman said Sunday.

The spokesman said the chief U.S. commander in South Korea, General Gary Luck, had suggested talks in Panmunjom on Tuesday involving generals from the United States, North and South Korea and members of the Neutral Nations Supervi-

had agreed to the talks on condition that they included South Korean generals and members of the supervisory commission and were held in the commission. sion's conference room in the demilitarized zone.

The agenda should be limited to the armistice accord, it said. General Luck sent a letter to South Korea's defense minister, Lee Yang Ho, this month, saying that Washington was seek-ing the contact because of the North'a attempts to dismantle the armistice accord and abnor-

dermining the intricate armi-stice mechanism. The mecha-nism consists of the Military Armistice Commission, involv-talks. ing representatives from parties who were in the war, and the neutral monitoring commission, which is responsible for policing armistice violations.

North Korea has demanded mal movements on the northern that the armistice, which sory Commission.

The Defense Ministry said in a statement that South Korea statement that South Korea

North Korea announced its withdrawal from the armistice commission last year

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 The national crime rate dropped 3 percent in 1994, posting a decline for the third year in a row, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said. Violent crimes reported to the police fell 4 percent, while property crimes declined 3 per-

• Consie Chung has left the anchor desk of "The CBS Evening News," the network said.

Dan Rather will be single anchor of the broadcast starting Monday, resuming the solo status he held until June 1993, when Ms. Chung was added as co-anchor. Her primetime program, "Eye to Eye with Connie Chung," 87th in the ratings in the 1994-95 season, is not expected to be in the network's season, is not expected to be in the network's Fire officials and p season, is not expected to be in the network's were investigating.

 A former high school teacher's aide has been convicted in Jefferson, Wisconsin, of recruiting three teenagers to kill her busband. Diane Borchardt, who was involved in a bitter divorce case when the killing occurred in April 1994, was convicted of recruiting the boys with \$600 and promising them cars, jewelry and \$20,000 from her estranged busband's

• The Mississippi and Missouri rivers overran levees in St. Charles County, Missouri, after a break in an embankment, and some residents were urged to evacuate the area.

An apartment fire killed four people, including two children, in San Jose, California, and authorities described the blaze as suspicious.
 Fire officials and police homicide detectives

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They said the armed forces

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who last month used anti-air-

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their rally, only a scattering of elected Congress New Delhi packing for retirement in his native Party lawmakers was on hand. state of Andhra Pradesh when word came that Rajiv Gandhi, the former prime minister, had been assassinated on an election trip in southern

unconstitutional.

For Now, Rao Fights Off Rebels Within Party

By John F. Burns New York Times Service

NEW DELHI -- On the night of May 21,

1991, P. V. Narasimha Rao was at his home in

The bomb that killed Mr. Gandhi put Mr. Rao's retirement oo bold and catapulted him

into the posts of Congress (I) Party leader and

NEWS ANALYSIS

family. Mr. Rao is confronted by a powerful faction in the Congress Party that would like to

The rebels who met in New Delhi on Friday and voted to replace Mr. Rao, 73. as Congress

Party leader gathered in the shadow of a string of

defeats for the party in state legislative elections

political base to a degree with few parallels in its 110-year history. With all but a handful of major

states baving fallen to opposition groups, the

party that led India's independence struggle

faces a crisis so deep that many in India question

At the same time, the revolt against the prime

minister has raised doubts about the market-

driven economic reforms that Mr. Rao, aban-

doning a lifetime commitment to Indian-style

Among other charges, the rebels accuse Mr.

Rao of abandoning the Coogress Party's traditional constituency among the "poor and down-trodden" by adopting policies favoring foreign

investment and private enterprise and by cutting

For the time being, Mr. Rao seems likely to ride out the storm. Stung by the rebels' action

into a quick counterattack that belied his reputa-

tion for dithering, he expelled the man named to

supplant him as party president, Narain Dutt

Tiwari, 69, a former foreign and finance minis-

On Saturday, Mr. Rao coovened an emergen-

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cy session of the party's main governing body.

The election losses have eroded the party's

push him into retirement once and for all.

Now, four years after be ceased to be an unspectacular political lieutenant to the Gandhi

That would leave more than 240 legislators who back Mr. Rao or are oot prepared to break with him openly. Most are expected to remain loyal to him, out of fear that any change of iders now - especially to another old-guard figure like Mr. Tiwari - can only deepen the party's problems before the general election that must be held within 12 months. But turning back the rebel challenge is only a

first step for Mr. Rao. An editorial in The Times of India said the feuding within the party was a symptom of a long decline that would have been evident much earlier had two leaders not been assassinated - Indira Gandhi in 1984 and her son Rajiv in 1991. Both assassinations generated a wave of sympathy that powered the party to

Where Mr. Rao has been faulted is for not halting - in fact, for compounding - the party's transformation from a movement that drew its support from the ideals of Mohandas K. Gandhi, mainly secularism and concern for the poor, to an organization that seems committed mainly to preserving the power of officeholders.

The rebels made this the core of their case against Mr. Rao. At their rally on Friday, they cited government corruption, including two multibillion-dollar scandals during Mr. Rao's tenure that were hushed up, and the economic reforms, which boosted the prices of staples on which 350 million poverty-stricken Indians

They also faulted the government for "colluding with communal forces," a reference to its failure to balt or redress the sufferings of Indian Muslims at the hands of Hindu mohs.

Many Congress Party loyalists say those policies created an opening for opposition parties that make populist appeals to the poor or that pander to sectarian feelings.

The Congress Party's hig losses in recent state legislative elections have been either to leftist parties, mainly the Janata Dal, or, as in the case of Maharashtra State, of which Bombay is the capital, to groups that appeal to nationalist scotiments among the country's Hindu majority, pri-marily the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Military Is Said to Arm for 'Massive' Assault on Tamils At least 400 people have died paring for a massive onslaught on LTTE positions and have "We're prepared for attacks imported large stocks of arms on our camps." said a senior and ammunition," the Sunday army officer in northern Sri Times said, quoting military Lanka. "We're also planning sources.

our own offensives against the Army Command Shifted President Chandrika Bandar-He said the military was anaike Kumaratunga shuffled planning to expand its area of her military command over the control around the hases in the weekend in preparation for an expanded conflict with the re-Last week, troops captured bels, military officials said, The 10 square kilometers (4 square Associated Press reported from miles) cast of the sprawling Pa-

Colombo. Major General Rohao laly air base on the Jaffoa Pen-Daluwatte, an officer believed strooghold, in an effort to drive to be close to the president, was rebel anti-aircraft missiles begiven command of all military yond the range of approaching operations in the war zones, reregaft.

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Vietnamese refugees on a roof at a Hong Kong detention center on Sunday as the transfer of refugees to another camp continued after unrest Saturday.

BRIEFLY ASIA

Destruction of Shrine Protested in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India - More than 5,000 people marched in Kashmir's capital Sunday to condemn the destruction of a 15th-century shrine after Indian officials lifted a curfew, the police said.

The curfew was first imposed in the Kashmir valley following the destructioo of the shrine to the regioo's patroo saint during clashes between Indian forces and Muslim separatists oo May 11, triggering widespread unrest.

The All-Party Hurriyat Conference, a coalition of 30 political and cultural groups, declared Sunday a "martyr's day" in memory of all Kashmiris 20,000, according to police and hospital sources - who have died during the five-year insurgency against Indian rule.

Hong Kong Is Calm After Refugee Shift HONG KONG - The police on Sun-

day transferred all but a handful of a Korea, signed the accord with Defense resisting group of refugees slated for Minister Lee Yang Ho before returning intensive land and air offensive that be-

transfer from a violence-stricken Vietoamese detention center in Hong Kong and calm returned to the camp. Only 40 women and children remain from the group scheduled for transfer to another camp and they will be transported separately, a government spokesman said.

In cootrast to the scenes of mayhem and bloodshed on Saturday when the transfer effort began, the operation Sunday was uneventful. Almost 200 people, mostly policemen, were injured on Saturday when 1,300 refugees violently re- North Korea. sisted transfer from Whitehead to another camp.

Seoul-Moscow Deal On Weapons Research

SEOUL - The defense ministers of South Korea and Russia signed an agreement on Sunday on mutual cooperation in the research and development of military supplies and possible joint production, the Defense Ministry said. General Pavel S. Grachev, the first Russian defense minister to visit South

to Moscow, "We are at an initial stage," said a South Korean Defense Ministry spokesman. "The agreement needs further talks and approval by higher-ranking officials for implementation." During his three-day visit, General

Grachev met with President Kim Young Sam and other Korean leaders on ways of increasing military ties between the two countries. The Russian said during his stay that Moscow was studying whether to end a friendship treaty with

Afghan Army Takes Key Site Near Kabul

ARGANDEH, Afghanistan — President Burhannudin Rabbani's forces took a strategic position near Kabul from the Taleban movement on Sunday, striking a new blow in their campaign to blunt the threat of the army of Islamic students. The Afghan presidential forces, led by Ahmed Shah Massood, went through Taleban lines and took the Kotal-i-Takht hill, a key outpost 35 kilometers (20 miles) south of Kabul.

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The government victory followed an

gan early Sunday against Taleban forces positioned near the town of Maidan hahr. Immebilized Taleban tanks on the hill, were visible from the road linking Kabul and Ghazni, a town 130 kilometers south of the capital

VOICES From Asia

Fidel Ramos, president of the Philippines, urging Maskim and Christian leaders to swork logither to prevent terrorism and violence: "Let's go for peace. Because extremism is fulle, it is also senseless and waitefull (AP)

thought a number of times that I should stop. But I couldn't go against orders.

Maoris' Long Wait for New Zealand Ends Philippine Rebels Halt Talks After Agence France-Presse

AUCKLAND, New Zealand - A Maori tribe, after a 130-year wait, is about to receive compensation from the govern-

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ment for the illegal seizure of its land and - perhaps even more significantly -an official apology.
The deal with Tainui, New

Zealand's biggest Maori tribal confederation, to he signed Monday, comes at a time of growing racial tension in the country and hitter disputes with the central government over land and tribal sovereignty. Although Prime Minister Jim

PARIS AREA UNFURNISHED Bolger has issued a flat "no" to calls for Maori sovereignty, his co-signer to the agreement will be the "Maori Queen," Arikinni Dame Te Atairangikaahu, head of Tainui, at her royal residence south of here.

The ceremony coincides with the 27th anniversary of her coronation.

Tainui.

receive \$110 million plus the return of 15,782 hectares (38.981 acres) of land oow in

government hands.

About 100,000 people are thought to be affiliated to

In the new deal, Tainui will

mythical Polynesian canoes to which all Maori trace their origins. Now known as the Tainni Maori Trust Board, it takes in seven tribes in the northern cen-

mainly Waikato.

Tainui accepted the deal af- under the "King Movement" in ter a postal ballot, hut some memhers have rejected the tribes realized their traditional method, calling it undemocratic. A veteran activist, Eva Rickard, went to the High Court last week seeking an injunctioo against the signing but lost her

Mr. Bolger has described the deal as the year's "greatest Christmas present"

"The amount and the land yon can argue forever," he said, "but finally you have to reach agreement on what is fair, what is honorable, what acknowledges in a substantive way the extent of the grievance that arose from those confisca-

Tainui was one of the eight tral area of the North Island,

The grouping became unified

the mid-19th century when the feuding was aiding the steady encroachment of white colonists. An elderly Waikato chief, Te Wherowhero, was proclaimed king in 1858. The current queen is a direct descendant. 200 100 100

Tribes outside Tainui do not recognize her as a monarch but as a paramount chief.

Tainui's land problems go back to 1840 when agents of Queen Victoria and Maori chiefs signed the Treaty of Waitangi, guaranteeing Maori possession of their lands. But white pressure saw a se-

resulted in British military authorities in 1864 seizing around 66,000 hectares of Tainui land. That it was an illegal scizure has never been disputed, other than to claim the land as a prize of war, but little has been done, until now, to remedy the injus-

Leader's Arrest Agence Prance-Preme

MANILA — Communist rebels said Sunday that peace talks with the Philippine government to be a supplied to the peace talks with the Philippine government. ernment scheduled for next month had been postponed in-

definitely after the arrest of a ranking guerrilla leader.

The chief Communist peace negotiator, Luis Jalandoni, also accused Manila of insincerity,

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saying that the detained man, Sotero Llamas, was part of the rebel negotiating panel and should therefore be immune from arrest under the provisions of an earlier agreement. Mr. Llamas, commander of all rebel forces in the Bicol re-

ries of bitter land wars which gion southeast of Manila, was wounded and captured in a clash with troops on Wednes-

The chief government negoti-ator, Howard Dee, said Saturday that the agreement giving immunity would only take effect on May 27, or 30 days before the planned start of talks.

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MADRID — Spain's govern-ing Socialists are in for a crushnig deseat in nationwide municipal elections on May 28, widely seen as a dress reheastal for possible early general elections. according to two major polis-published on Sunday.

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A. The reserves in a Caspian Sea have global importance. A baijan? he said to rank third in the four Sovie states—perhaps far greater if the recent sessments. I've read are right. Thus, indiest is two-fold: to broaden the imberies plyens in the market so we get modiversity a supply—something we've entarged since the late 1970s. Second, U.S. supanies with the track records, technical debilities and financial backing to prove deveserves dishore, want an opportunity to fuer there. So the U.S. interest has to do in national security and

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Q. How strong lave the Russians worked to stop this developent in one of their newly independent neights?

A. I don't thin anyone wants to stop it. The problem fold the parties that have rights in the Chan Sea is how best to articulate those pits. The U.S. position is that the propositow forwarded by the Russian Federation provide this condominium joint sovereign for the center of the Caspian Sea makes nease to anyone who's dealt in oil and gas raves. What we'd like to see is

in oil and gas reves. What we'd like to see is a proposal than a pretty traditional way says who has thights to explore and develop what resources

Q. Isn't a sking point Moscow's demand

for the pipel to cross Russian territory instead of thigh Turkey?

A. The pipel conte is another less issue and our mice is to see that these is made.

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the other ise from the vice-point of U.S. corporate pasers is the need for cost-effective infrastratore to get the stuff out. Even

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Q&A: Of Evergy and Policy

Energy Secretary Hazel. Learning section's efforts to promote ergy describent, most recently in China. Shipoke to a IHT's Joseph Fuchett about intentional energy policy, including nuclear safe issues.

Russia and the U.S. Interest

Q. Isn't the Chinton administration leaning on Moscow to unblock the situation?

A. I would come at that quite differently. I don't think we presume we can strongly direct what states do when we partner with them. For the moment, the Russians have a different idea about the route of a pipeline west

Mr. Pujol said that the result say is what will happen on May of the elections was immaterial 28 but we will prove them and that the main thing was for the Socialists to meet their com-mitments to his Convergence Popular Party 46.5 percent of the Socialists to meet their comscats keep the Socialists in pow-

Mr. Gonzalez, who won gencral elections in June 1993 against many expectations and forged a legislative pact with Mr. Pujol's group, said the Popular Party was being overconfident again.

A poll in El Mundo found port for theorement till the that the Popular Party would end of the part of the regardless of govern in 8 out of 10 major the voting atcome.

We're going intrough ments of difficulty and cuphonia on the part of the right," he said at a party rally in Gijon.

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what states do when we partner with them.
For the moment, the Russians have a different idea about the route of a pipeline west

from the Caspian. Disagreements happen. Economics will settle it. Nothing I do or the

Russians do will change the marketplace re-

Q. Turning to Chemobyl, will Ukraine give

an answer next month to the Group of Seven meeting in Halifax about the facility's future?

A. The United States reached an agreement last year with Ukraine for shutting down the

reactor, presuming that an alternative energy source could be identified and international help found to build it. The G-7 has made

heip found to build it. The G-/ has made some commitments in support that effort, including in my mind support not only with the financing but also some debt relief. Finding funding is the piece we're working on now. In the interim, the G-7 has done a very aggressive study to identify the short-term safety issues, chiefly concern about whether the wall in the guarantic time next to the now.

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Q. What about our own safety problem of storing fissile material from dismantled nu-

A. My team has developed a sharp plan for its ultimate disposition, once it is transmuted or downgraded to be identified to be identified to the commercial fuel. There are four proposed technologies for doing this: once-through a

neactor to downgrade it glassifying and burying it; burying it benefit the seabed — op-tions that I don't think many people are excited about. The lastone is more radical in

reducing radioactivity because it involves modified oxides. We'r holding the required

hearings now, and the United States will select one of these technologies, probably by

Q. Do you think that the Energy Department will survive the stacks by Republicans?

A. I don't just thin! I know it will. I like to quote Bob Dole jus two months ago that issues including energy and energy supply

will shape our foreignpolicy for the next 20

officer at the table t advise the president about these crucial isses.

operating reactors is scure.

The poil in El Pais gave the cent, but this was well up on the tions, and saw the Socialists 13.3 percent from 8.3 percent.

the Popular Party, with a considerably larger majority. The party's expected victory in the Madrid region was also forecast by the poll in El Pais on Satur-

In Spain's second city, Barcelona, the fight is between the Socialists and their Catalan parliamentary allies, who are neck and neck, according to the

In Catalonia as a whole, the Socialists have 30.3 percent to the Catalan coalition's 37 percent and the Popular Party's 12.2 percent

and Union coalition, whose 17 the municipal vote to the Socialists' 27.7 percent, and predicted it would be the most popular party in every region except Extremadura.

Popular Party only 36.9 per-25.1 percent of the 1991 elecfalling to 28 percent from 38. The United Left would surge to

The Socialist vote would drop sharply in Andalusia, a customary stronghold. Overall in the region, the Popular Party held an edge over the Socialists for the first time in their history, with 33.2 percent to 33.1 percent for the Socialists. This compares with 34.8 percent and 40.1 percent respectively in the European Parliament elections

last year.
The Popular Party would be neck and neck with the Socialists in Seville, while overtaking them in Cadiz and Málaga Córdoba would remain in United Left hands, the poll found. Madrid would be retained by



MARCH FOR LIFE' - Minister of Justice Jacques Toubon walking Sunday in Paris with some of the nearly 20,000 other people who sought to demonstrate support for people who have AIDS and to raise money for their care.

BRIEFLY EUROPE

Ukraine Aid Expected

BRUSSELS -- European Union finance ministers are scheduled to authorize nearly \$400 million in aid to Ukraine on Monday in a signal that they believe the Kiev government is committed to closing the Chernobył nuclear power plant.

At the meeting, the first to be led by the new French finance minister, Alain Madelin, the ministers are also expected to discuss Union budget fraud. Ukraine last week announced a schedule

for closing the plant, where a reactor exploded in 1986. (AFP)

EU Aspirants to Meet

BRUSSELS — European Union finance ministers will have their first detailed talks with their counterparts from the six East and Central European and three Baltic states that are knocking at the bloc's door.

Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia have ali signed Europe agreements with the EU laying the foundations for future membership. Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are on

the verge of signing.
The meeting will take place Monday afternoon after the finance ministers end their formal gathering.

Fighting EU Farm Plan

BONN — Agriculture Minister Jochen
Borchert said Saturday that he would lobby his EU counterparts to sink European Commission plans to change how farmers are compensated if currency fluctuations erode their income.

Last week, Mr. Borcbert said the commission's real intention might be to abolish all protection for farmers against losses if their currencies strengthened. (Reuters)

Calendar

European Union events scheduled for Monday:

BRUSSELS: EU finance ministers

BRUSSELS: The U.S. trade representative, Mickey Kantor, meets with the European Commission.

BRUSSELS: The EU commissioner for relations with African, Caribbean and Pacific countries, João de Deus Pinheiro. meets with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Sadako Ogata.

BERLIN: The EU commissioner for competition policy, Karel van Miert, speaks at a conference on future market competition and the role of governments. Sources: Agence Europe, AFP.

Major Is Reported Angered by Attack On Fim in Thatcher Autobiography

John Majoaiready on the defensive ov political corrup-tion, was ad to be furious on Sunday at bitter attack on his

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sor, Marget Thatcher. In exects from the second volume other autobiography, she accus Mr. Major of avoid-ing probles, splitting his party

On forgn policy, she attacks
Mr. Maj's administration for allowinghe relationship with the Uned States to reach "near-frizing point" and for allowinghe "fiasco" of Bosnia.

Mrs. Thatcher in 1990, made no immediate comment.

Aides of Mrs. Thatcher, the longest-serving British prime in the Conservatives and to give neither this century, also attressed the criticisms were not a personal attack and did not threaten his leadership.

But party sources said Mr. Major is already under pressure over his decision to remeate the party sources said Mr. Major is already under pressure over his decision to resume to lussels and adopting a policy "compromise, sweep it under he carpet, leave it for party grappling to restore confi-Parliament.

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he source said that Mrs. Tatcher's attack was a symp-Mr. Major, who has fought back again and again from di-

ugh new approach to Europe. crackdown on crime and

How new technology is affecting the



Chirac Puts Brakes On French Officials

PARIS — Fulfilling his pledge to curb arrogant displays plitical privilege, President Jacques Chirac has ordered the dicial motorcades, including his own, stop at red lights from

The idea of forcing cabinet ministers to behave like or ary citizens behind the wheel raised eyebrows among te trench, who recall that the previous conservative government ad to give way within weeks when it tried to make cablet ainisters travel commercially.

Security specialists quickly pointed out a danger in the ew plan: leaders, forced to sit in cars while waiting for the igi to change, would be easy targets for terrorists.

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No official has said yet whether visiting dignitaries will be expected to conform to the new policy.

One of the perks of high office in France has tee the ability to barrel through Paris traffic as police motivales clear the way with blaring sirens and rotating blue liht. But motorists appear increasingly resentful about beingwistled to the curb for these processions, so official motorads are also being made smaller.

also being made smaller. As part of a package of measures amounced this wekend after a cabinet meeting Sahnday, the new governments first.

Mr. Chirac also announced plans to disband the histerial flight—four corporate jets and two helicopters—that used to be at the disposition of high officials in a hurr:

The budget for the mini-airline was never disked, but estimates say the government could cut spendig/by two-thirds by shifting ministerial travel to leased plans

Camilla Bowles. Charles's Friend, Is Moving Nearby

LONDON --- Camilla Parker Bowles, widely believed to have been the mistress of Prince Charles on and off for nearly 25 years, has bought a country mansion for £850,000 (\$1.3 million) just 16 miles away from the prince's country home.

The Mail On Sunday news-paper said Mrs. Parker Bowles, a divorced mother of two, purchased Ray Mill House in Wiltshire, southwestern England, after selling her previous home to Nick Mason, a Pink Floyd drummer, for £1.3 million.

The sale was part of a divorce settlement from her brigadier husband, Andrew.

"Camilla's new house, which includes an open-air swimming pool, mature gardens and sta-bles for her nine horses, is only 16 miles from Highgrove, Prince Charles's country home," the newspaper report-

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Speaking Out in China

China's intellectuals are daring to seak out again for greater political freeoms. Two petitions delivered to the auiorities in recent days represent the sost significant public calls for democrasters in Beijing six years ago. Last Monday, some of China's best-

nown scholars urged the government to ft the barsh political verdict and vindicve prison sentences imposed on those rrested for the pro-democracy protests. he scholars further call for an end to the itch hunts and persecutions that have lighted China's intellectual life.

On Friday, a second group warned that hina risked another "blood-soaked agedy" unless the government respect-d the civil rights formally accorded its itizens and instituted new political reorms. The regime promptly arrested the ew petition's organizer, Liu Xiaobo.

The 45 signers of Monday's petinon actude some of China's most distinuished scientists. Among them are Wang ranchang, 88, who played a critical role in leveloping China's nuclear weapons proram. The signers argued that a modern nd intellectually vigorous society could mly develop when competing ideas are

allowed to invigorate science, culture, politics, religion and literature. They also warned that China's most corrosive problem, official corruption, could only be defeated when government was held ac-countable to an informed public.

What makes these petitions especially timely is the waning influence of Deng Xiaoping, whose failing health has apparently removed him from policy deliberations. So long as Mr. Deng remained active, be ruled out any reconsideration of the Tiananmen Square crackdown, an episode that alienated ordinary citizens and continues to distort thousands of intellectual and technocratic careers.

President Jiang Zemin and the chairman of Parliament, Qiao Shi, to whom Monday's petition was addressed, were not directly involved in the repression. Mr. Qiao opposed it and has since spoken out for greater pluralism and tolerance.

Like Andrei Sakharov when he openly opposed Soviet communism, these Chinese scholars are vulnerable dissidents today as they question state repression. But they speak for the future of China, and will someday be honored by their countrymen for their principles and their courage. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

a cultural and economic threat. Malaysian officials blame immigrants

TONOLULU — The growing interna-tional backlash against immigration, already evident in North America and Western Europe, is spreading rapidly throughout East Asia. Japan and newly industrialized economies in the region are facing an unprecedented influx of legal and frequented by non-Japanese. illegal Asian immigrants for which they are

neither culturally nor politically prepared. Unemployment, poverty and popula-tion pressures are spurring millions of people from Asia's poorer countries to migrate to the region's wealthier nations. lured by the prospect of better jobs, higher wages and a more attractive life-style. Today, over 2 million Asians can be classified as "intraregional" migrants, compared with just 200,000 in 1980.

Major source countries, such as Indonesia, Bangladesh and the Philippines, rely on this emigration as a safety valve against growing unemployment and low wages. Money sent home by migrant workers also provides a big source of foreign exchange.

Host nations benefit as foreign laborers willingly take the "dirty, dangerous and difficult" jobs shunned by local workers. Foreign workers can frequently be found in Japan's construction industry, Malaysia's plantations and Thai-land's fishing industry, among others.

But even as migrants provide economic benefits to the host country, their presence is not always welcomed. Many Asian bost states do not view themselves as "immigration" countries and regard the long-term presence of these foreigners as

for spreading diseases, committing crimes and causing squatter problems. Labor unions in Hong Kong and South

By Paul J. Smith

Korea claim that immigrants are driving dowo wages. In Japan, rightist groups have posted anti-foreigner signs in parks

Some host countries are even describing the inflow of immigrants, partly those who enter illegally, as a threat to national security. Thailand has claimed that the pres-

Tensions over immigration issues are beginning to erupt between host and source nations.

ence of 350,000 illegal immigrants from Burma constitutes such a threat. Malaysia sees illegal foreign workers, who come mainly from Indonesia, in the same way.

Reacting to the alleged threat posed by

both legal and illegal immigrants, many host governments are enacting strict laws and other measures to limit their numbers. Malaysia and Singapore are relying on caning to deter illegal entrants and those who hire them. Thailand has threat-ened to charge local officials with negli-gence of duty if foreigners are found to be working illegally in their jurisdiction. South Korea has vowed that it will expel all illegal immigrants by 1999.

Although many of these "get tough" measures satisfy the demands of domestic constituencies, they often entail a high diplomatic price. Anti-immigrant crackdowns and stiff laws often offend the Asian source country whose nationals are arrested or deported. As a result, tensions

By Thomas L. Friedman

over immigration issues are beginning to erupt between host and source nations. A spat between Malaysia and the Philip-pines over Filipina maids in 1994 appears to portend a trend for the rest of East Asia. On Palm Sunday last year, Malaysia rounded up hundreds of Filipina maids near a Catholic Church, charging many of them with immigration violations. Kuala Lumpur's action infuriated Manila, which demanded an apology. When Malaysia refused, the Philippine government conducted its own raids in the Subic Bay free port to search for illegal Malaysian workers.

Recently, relations between Singapore and the Philippines soured over Singapore's execution of Flor Contemplacion, a Filipina maid convicted of murder. Many Filipinos believe that Mrs. Contemplacion was not only innocent, but was a victim of her status as an unprotected Filipina working abroad. Following the execution, President Fidel Ramos banned Filipinos from going to Singapore on employment contracts.

But potentially more serious disputes are brewing between China and Russia over the alleged migration of several hundred thousand Chinese to Russia's Far East. Fearing what it calls "peaceful loss" of its territory, the Russian government imposed travel restrictions against Chinese last year, an act that prompted China to detain Russian traders for violating Chinese immigration laws.

Disputes also have crupted between host and source countries in East Asia over the issue of repatriation. When Malaysia sought to send home several thousand illegal immigrants from Burma in 1993, Rangoon refused to accept them, describing the migrants as traitors. Taiwan also has had difficulties sending illegal immigrants

Beijing of purposely stalling their return. More alarming are signs that such con-flicts will intensity in future as the scale of intraregional migration grows in Asia. Major host countries, especially Japan, face worsening labor shortages, just as tradi-tional source countries have to cope with high rates of population and labor force growth as well as chronic unemployment. China, with its 1.2 billion inhabitains, is looming as a huge and unwelcome new source of migrants in Asia. Fifteen years of economic and political reform have weakened the government's ability to control and regulate population movement both within and out of the country.

Migration from the countryside to urban areas and emigration, much of it illegal have increased dramatically in recent years. Moreover, a growing unemployment crisis - the government recently estimated that 270 million Chinese will be jobless by the year 2000 -- is likely to increase migration pressures, both internal and external

Rising immigration is posing sensitive political and cultural challenges for the economically dynamic nations of East Asia. Host countries face a choice: Either they embrace immigrant workers and gradually evolve into increasingly multi-cultural societies, or they can resist immigration and cling to traditions of cultural and racial insularity. The choice that is ultimately made will determine whether immigration in Asia becomes a positive force in the region or a source of continued discord, and perhaps even conflict.

The writer, an adjunct fellow with Pacific Forum/CSIS in Honolulu, contributed this to the International Herald Tribune.

Clinton Can Start to Fight

The White House and Democratic Pary are understandably concerned about levising tactics that best position Presilent Bill Chinton for what promises to be a lifficult race in 1996. Should he take on off Congress with multiple vetoes and not vorry about being overridden? Or would a tring of defeats lead to Republican conrol of both the Hill and the White House?

Such speculations, while seductive, divert us from a crossroads issue that deals aot with campaign prospects, but with the threat that the current fad for defunding and dismantling can permanently and irreversibly damage the American government, many Americans and, in-deed, the land itself.

Politics aside, Mr. Clinton has a chance now to choose fights of paramount importance, fights capable of re-minding the American people that despite the collapse of Democratic leadership in the last Congress, this president came into office as the custodian of values and programs that have a deep co root system of public need and approval.

Mr. Clintoo's advocacy and his vetoes should be directed around a central theme of defending those programs and policies. Such an approach would have the advantage of helping show the voters that he does have a core of conviction that he can define and act upon. It also would allow him to define a mission in dramatic contrast to the down-with-government rhetoric of the Coogressional Republicans, Mr. Clintoo needs to make the point that effective governance of so rich, yet fragile a country is not just a matter of squeezing the hudget.

Such a definitional opportunity exists veto of the budget rescission bill. The immediate spending issues are much less important to the future of the nation than an environmental time bomb snuck in by the sawmillers' servant, Senator Slade

Gorton of Washington. His "salvage-logging rider" would allow

under the guise of controlling insects and plant disease. Mr. Clinton can invoke his irreversibility principle in answer to the Republican efforts to defang the National Forest Management Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act. If the government lifts its protecting hand from what is left of America's natural areas, they will be wounded far into the

future, if not lost forever. Mr. Clinton has a chance to show that he can stand up for good, but unpopular ideas. It is easy to write a poll question that would get a majority to endorse a blockgrant approach to welfare that would leave individual recipients at the mercy of state and local officials. But abandoning the idea that welfare should be a national entitlement would be one of the major social-policy reverses of the 20th century. Mr. Clinton once promised to defend this idea while imposing admittedly needed

reforms. He can seize the issue anew. The war on affirmative action, the drive to abandon America's tradition as a land of immigrants, the Republican hunger to withdraw federal funds from scientifie research, the drive to impose public prayer on all citizens and to reverse the right to abortion — all these subjects provide chances for Mr. Clintoo to present himself as the last sensible defender against hlunders that will be difficult or impossible to correct.

Mr. Clinton has survived the early rounds of the Republican ouslaught by covering his head and letting the Republicans wing their punches. But he has got to stick his head up and unlimber his jab. There are many voters unwilling to turn his radical dismantlers or to the morality police. But they cannot be expected to

rally to a passive president.

There is a fashioo for contracts at the moment. The best hope for this troubled

Watch Japan Adapt to Trade Sanctions—and Not Open Its Markets

WASHINGTON — After the Uoited States imposed trade sanctions on Japan last week, I found myself thinking back to that old science class experiment where the teacher puts a frog in a pail of water on the stove and gradually turns up the heat. The frog which is very good at adapting, adjusts to each oew level of heat. Eventually, though, the frog boils to death, because it is so

good at adapting it never thinks to jump out of the pail. The Japanese have become so good at adapting to trade threats and the ever-rising value of the yen that instead of doing what a oormal country would do -jump out of the pail by opening its economy — the Japanese sim-ply keep the foreigners out and adapt to the consequences. They just tighten their belts another ootch, sacrifice some profits and move their factories to lower-cost labor markets around Asia.

But with the United States hav-

Japanese luxury cars and, more importantly, with the yen having soared in value by 20 percent this past year, making everything Ja-pan sells in the United States 20 percent more expensive, what will Japan do oow? Jump, adapt or finally boil into stagnation?

My guess is that Japan will try to adapt again, and not open its markets. The Japanese government is too weak to take the tough steps to deregulate its economy, and its instinct for adapting to foreign pressures is too ingrained.

That is why President Bill Clinton was right to raise the stakes to a hoil. The president's only option is to create so much pain for Japanese manufacturers - and so much pleasure for Japanese consumers, hy weakening the dollar and making U.S. goods temptingly cheap to huy - that instead of trying to adapt, they will work

ing slapped a 100 percent tariff on to remove Japan's trade barriers. I hope Mr. Clinton has the stomach to keep the beat on, because here's how I think Japan will initially respond: Japanese businesses will use the strong yen to buy, at bargain-basement prices, more and more factories in cheap labor markets around Asia. This will lower their production costs and nullify the effects of the

higher yen on their exports. Sure, Japanese companies may have to eat some losses this quarter. But Japan, unlike America, does not worry about quarterly profits. It worries about quartercentury profits, and in a quarter century, with the yen having such buying power, Japan will own every other factory from southern China to Burma. So the United States can bar all Japan's exports, and Japan will just slip them in

through these other markets. True, this will mean fewer jobs

in Japan, and a hollowing out of its economy, and that in itself will force Japan to import more from abroad. But the Japanese are oot just going to sit back and live off their investments in Asia. If history is any guide, they will also adapt by finding more efficient ways to produce in the industries they do keep at bome.

With the strong yen forcing them to streamline in order to stay competitive, Japanese firms will move even faster into the knowledge-intensive, high-wage, high-skilled economy of tomorrow that the United States still dreams of.

No, say the classical economists. This time Japan will not be able to adapt. This time they jump or boil. Oh? That's what they said when oil prices quadrupled in the 1970s, but Japan adapted. That's what they said when the yen rose by 50 percent in the 1980s, but Japan adapted. Only a fool would bet against them trying to adapt again, while opening

their markets as little as possible.

Unless one thing happens, Japanese consumers decide they are tired of tightening their belts, living in houses the size of a walk-in closet and being the world's richest country and poorest people.

That would be nice, but history also teaches that there is a deep cultural tradition in Japan, shared even by many Japanese consumers, that consumer welfare must always give way to the national welfare, and the national welfare is to win the 100-year

trade war, not the battle of 1995. But if you think this time Japan can't adapt and will open instead, then buy Ford Motor stock; they make a hot little right-hand-drive Mustang for the Japan market. If you think Japan can adapt, without opening much, then buy the yen. That's the bet. The structure of U.S.-Japan competition in the 21st century is riding on the outcome.

The New York Times.

and embattled president is to draft a contract with principle. indiscriminate logging on federal lands -THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Argentina's One-Man Show Argentina's spectacular success in stabilizing its economy has been one of the happy surprises of this decade. The man chiefly responsible. President Carlos Saul Menem, was rewarded this past

week with re-election. In 1989, the year he first took office. the inflation rate was 12,000 percent and there were food riots. Over the past year, the rate has been a little under 5 percent - the result of a series of drastic presidential decisions from which his predecessor had repeatedly flinched.

Mr. Menem's performance has been a particularly valuable contribution to Latin American politics because, contrary to a widespread misapprehension, he has demonstrated that a democratically elected president, and a civilian at that, was able to take forceful and highly effective action.

But his success has nonetheless been a great surprise, for he was elected as a Peronist. Historically, Peronism was a particularly batty and destructive kind of populism. Once in office, Mr. Menem stood Peronism on its head in regard to everything that touched economic policy. That move earned him the hostility of some of the aging leaders of the movement, but also the gratitude of voters who had been watching their wealth melt away in the tide of rising prices.

Argentina is a fundamentally rich eountry whose prosperity has been rievously eroded by catastrophie pube policies in which Peronism was deeply implicated. Early in this century, the standard of living there was as high as in the United States; today it is around one-fourth the American level. That is the result of decades of trade protection. pervasive subsidization, nationalization and, in general, excessive reliance on all the economie ideas that are wildly popular at first but turn out to be poison. Mr. Menem bas done a remarkable job of reversing a tradition that had seemed entrenched almost beyond anyone's ability to change it.

But in doing so, be may have strengthened another bad Argentine tradition: the country's excessive reliance on one beroic leader who dominates the political system to a degree that skews the normal balances of a democracy. There has been a good deal of anxiety in particular about his manipulation of a judiciary that is now a good deal less than wholly independent. The great question to be answered during his second term is whether Mr. Menem is capable of building a system of government that, after he departs, can run the country with justice and competence.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.



goodness that Phil Gramm cleared up the report that he invested \$7,500 in an R-rated film entitled "Beauty Queens." The Bible-thumping Texas conservative says not to worry — the soft-porn film never got made. He lost all the money he put in a venture mounted by his then brother-in-law.

That's supposed to reassure us? Does Senator Gramm, the selfstyled fiscal Terminator, whose explanation about "Beauty Queens" was drawn from him hy reporters on the day he wrapped himself in the Christian Coalition's 10-point blueprint for moral and social reform, want us to understand that he forked over \$7,500 without knowing what it would finance? Or, to paraphrase the Texas writer and Gramm constituent Molly Ivins: How dumb

does this politician think we are? To be fair, Mr. Gramm is being asked to answer for the sins of an ex-in-law, a test that few mortals want to endure and that few would survive unscathed. In the real world, his predicament would be cause for sympathy, not scorn.

But Mr. Gramm does not live in the real world at the moment. His predicament underlines the extraordinary amount of posturing and outright bypocrisy being kicked up by the Republican stampede to challenge a political-ly vulnerable Democratic incumbent who has had to confess some moral flaws of his own.

Morally, there is little to sepa-rate the form and results of Phil

Gramm's Vietnam era draft dodging from those of Bill Clinton's effort. Bob Dole, a genuine war hero, has other problems. He gives the concept of flip-flop new vitality with his crass reversals on gun control, affirmative action and moving the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem. Pete Wilson offers to solve a problem he helped create, back when California business needed Mexican workers, by cracking down on immigration.

And they call him Slick Willie? I raise this not to invoke a plague on both Republican and Democratic bouses in a spirit of immoral equivalency. These are modern politicians going about their business, such as it is. For most Republican presidential hopefuls that means a spot of naked pandering for the votes of the Christian Coalition and other zeal-

ous "family values" groups.
The antidote for the virus raging among Republican hopefuls has just appeared, in the form of George Bush's denunciation of the National Rifle Association's recent hate-mongering. His party and his nation need Mr. Bush to become the active, outspoken expresident he has not been since he skulked out of town two years

and four months ago. Admittedly, many Americans concluded in 1992 that they had seen and heard quite enough of G. H. W. Bush. That feeling of surfeit as much as any other factor accounts for the Clinton presidency. I do not expect instant universal acclaim for my propos-



al, not even from Mr. Bush himself, who went in the blink of an eye from being leader of the world into brooding, burt silence. His failure in 1992 was largely a failure of nerve. He panicked and conducted a horrible campaign. He should now overcome and

erase the legacy of that debacle. For himself: Mr. Bush could use a good ex-presidency to rehabilitate the undersung accomplishments of his four years at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, in which he provided masterful leadership in Operation Desert Storm and managed German re-unification and Soviet collapse with great skill.

For his party: Mr. Busb should

try to bring the Republicans back from the brink of self-destruction on gun control, abortion and other divisive social issues by repeatedly speaking out against the torrent of extremism, intolerance and inwardness that afflicts America's political discourse today. His blast at the NRA should be only an opening shot.

For the country: The ethos that has prompted America's international engagement since World War II is under sharp attack in Congress and elsewhere. Mr. Clinton's policies on Russia, the Middle East, foreign aid, European security and other key issues are closer to those Mr. Bush followed in office than anything

Dole, Gramm or Wilson are promising. Without in any way endorsing the upstart who beat him, Mr. Bush can credibly help lead the search for a new internationalist American consensus.

Liberals say it is too late for Mr. Bush to atome for his selling out on abortion, the nomination of Clarence Thomas and other issues. Conservatives dismiss him as not credible to their movement. But he has a freedom today granted by defeat that he should exploit. His experience, his record of public service and his instinct for fairness have earned George Bush a hearing by an American public in need of voices of gesson. The Washington Post.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Unrequited Love PARIS - A number of details

are forthcoming regarding the

suicide of the young man named Chrétien who shot himself because Senorita Otero, the Spanish dancer performing at the Folies-Bergère, had refused to accept his advances. Senorita Otero states that some time ago she received a letter myiting her to supper with Chretien and enclosing 10,000 francs. These she returned. At each of his visits he was told Senorita Otero could not receive him. This so affected him that on Monday [May 20] he declared his intention of putting an end to his life. Two hours later he shot himself in a cab in the Bois de Boulogne.

1920: Murders in Cairo

CAIRO - It would not be surprising if there were terrible re-prisals taken before long for the

dastardly attempts made on the lives of British officers and soldiers. Reprisals would be regretted, bowever, as only the imaocent would suffer.

1945: Asia-Bound Army WASHINGTON - The Was

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Department announced today [May 21] that the lst Army is on its way to the Pacific. It is being deployed by way of the United States and its personnel will receive furloughs in America before proceeding to the war against Japan. "The divisions and army corps that fight with the 1st Army against Japan will not necessarily be the same as those that fought in Germany," the war department statement said. "However, enough veteran units and veteran personnel will take the field under General Courtney H. Hodges to insure vigorous results against the Japanese."

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A Diplomat Who Dared to Tell the Truth gua. But Mr. Bergold was honest at a time when U.S. policy in Central America was dishonest. While officials in Washington talked piously about

THE DEATH last week of Harry Bergold, the U.S. ambassador to Nicaragua from 1984 to 1987, may have marked a curious milestone in the remembrance of a diplomat. The exceptional accomplishment of his career, according to The Times' obituary, was sbaring information with reporters. That is probably not the epitaph Mr. Bergold would have chosen. hut it is honorable and fitting because Mr. Bergold believed that the more Americans knew about their government's policies in Nicaragua the more they would want to change them.

At the height of the Reagan administration's misguided efforts to destabilize Nicaragua, Mr. Bergold was courageous enough to substitute truth for the distortions and lies the administration offered. I was one of the reporters who talked with Mr. Bergold during those years. Some discussions were official and I cited him by name. Others were informal, and he asked not to be identified. But his role as a source of information was hardly a secret.

I never knew whether he took the post in Mana-

gua already determined to oppose American poli-

cy, or whether be drifted into opposition when he

saw what was happening on the ground in Nicara-

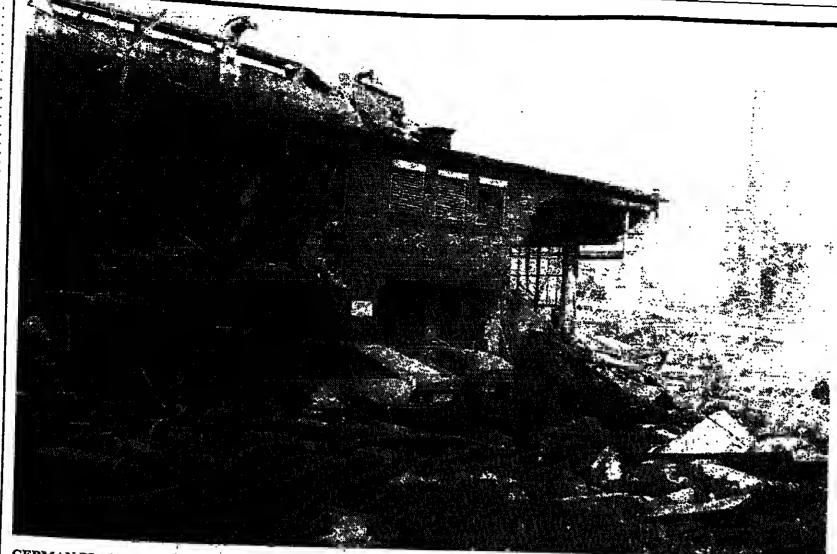
within limits set by Congress, Mr. Bergold warned of clandestine U.S. military and intelligence programs that defied congressional restrictions. When officials at the State Department spoke of peace talks with the Sandinista leaders, Mr. Bergold described Washington's plans to manipulate the talks for propaganda purposes. Mr. Bergold was not soft on the Sandinistas. As a former ambassador to Hungary, he knew more about authoritarian governments than many of his colleagues in Washington. What galled him was the duplicity of U.S. policy, and the use of covert

means to pursue objectives never publicly declared or congressionally sanctioned. Mr. Bergold paid for his disloyalty when supporters of the anti-Sandinista campaign blocked his next posting to Morocco. What they never understood was that Mr. Bergold acted oot to undermine American policy but to defend American principles.

supporting democracy in the region and operating

- Philip Taubman, writing in The New York Times.

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GERMAN BLAST — A fire fighter surveying the remains of a steel plant in Dillingen. A gasometer explosion started a fire that hurt 10 people.

A Rare Arab Summit Appears Likely

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By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service

PARIS - Israel's decision to confiscate Arab land in Jerusalem has galvanized Arab kings and presidents to begin planning a rare summit meeting that may be held in the next 10 days.

Beyond the Israeli move, what seems to have most angered Arab governments is the American veto last week of a UN Security Council resolution denouncing the confiscation of the land. Even the most enthusiastic supporters of -Middle East peace efforts have bitterly condemned the veto, saying it raised serious doubts about Washington's ability to mediate impartially between Israelis

Moroccan, Egyptian and Jordanian officials said the only

meeting was how many Arab heads of state would attend. Saudi Arabia and Syria have shown little enthusiasm for Arab summit meetings since the Gulf War, which seriously di-

vided the Arab world.

"A summit will take place before the end of the month," Esmat Abdel-Meguid of Egypt, the Arab League's secretarygeneral, said in a telephone in-terview from Cairo. He said the gathering would probably be held in Morocco, with King Hassan II, chairman of the socalled Jerusalem Committee of the Organization of Islamic Conference, acting as host.

Arab League officials said Hassan Friday sent Morocco's prime minister and foreign min-expropriation. ister, Abdellatif al-Filali, for a

uncertainty about the summit round of consultations in the ed States had exercised its veto Sandi, Syrian and Egyptian capitals to foster momentum

> Although several Arab nations are pushing for a more ambitious agenda for the meeting, including the theme of reconciliation in the aftermath of the Gulf War, Mr. Abdel-Meguid said the meeting would probably be "dedicated to Jerusalem as the only item on its

for a strong Arab response.

Israel announced last month hat it would confiscate about 131 acres of land in mainly Palestinian areas of East Jerusalem so it could construct housing there for Jews. On Wednesday, the United States vetoed a Security Council resolution that called on Israel to reverse the

. It was the first time the Unit-

The action also came less than a week after Washington backed Israel's refusal to sign the treaty to halt the spread of nuclear weapons while insisting that Arab nations that do not have such weapons adhere to it.

Former Defense Chief In Hospital After Stroke

WASHINGTON — Former Secretary of Defense Les Aspin, 56, was hospitalized in Wash-ington in critical condition after suffering a stroke, a spokesman

Upon admission he was awake, lucid and speaking," a Georgetown Hospital spokesman said Saturday.

Frenchman Held In Arab's Death

PARIS — A 23-year-old youth is being held in connection with the drowning of a man of Arab descent, the second such case in France this year, official sources said over the

They said David Beaune had confessed to pushing lmad Bouhoud, a Frenchman of Tunisian descent, into the barbor at Le Havre last month in a fight over a pistol. Mr. Beaune was arrested last Monday in a

separate inneging case.
In an attack that caused widespread outrage, Brahim Bouarram, 29, a Moroccan, was pushed into the Seine during a Paris march by the far-night anti-immigrant National Front on May 1. He drowned. Three "skinheads" are being held in connection with the attack.

In Tunisia Vote

TUNIS - Tunisia voted in local elections on Sunday in which opposition candidates were expected to enter the municipal councils for the first

By Patrick E. Tyler New York Times Service

BEIJING — China, responding to concern by the United

States, Japan and its Southeast

Asian neighbors, has said that

its claim to a group of islands in the South China Sea is not

meant to impede freedom of

navigation or the safe passage

of aircraft and ships of other

"We hope the ordinary sail-

ing of foreign vessels through the South China Sea shall not

be adversely affected by the existing disputes," Shen Guorang,

Opposition Seen

Gaining Councils

countries.

Five legal opposition parties, who boycotted the last local polls in 1990, fielded candidates in 47 of 257 municipalities. In the other 210 areas, voters had no choice other than the ruling Constitutional Democratic Ral-

Political analysts said the opposition groups were unable to find more candidates to run for the poll in the remaining municipalities.

Tunisia operated a one-part system for most of the period rom independence in 1956 until 1981. Since then, there have been some political reforms, but the Constitutional Democratic Rally has kept a tight bold on power. Tunisia's secular elite has

watched nervously in the 1990s as Muslim militants in neighboring Algeria challenge the authorities in a conflict there. Tufundamentalist movement, which was active in the late 1980s and early 1990s, has been crushed since hundreds of its leaders and members were arrested in 1992. It is banned and has had no open political presthe Foreign Ministry spokesman, said last week. The islands, known as the Spratly Islands, known as the Spratly Is-lands in the West and the a Western diplomat. Nansha Islands by China, are regarded as a potential source

China's Assurance on Spratlys

Claim to Islands Should Not Impede Navigation 11

The statement by Beijing is the first to clarify China's claim by separating its territorial dispute with five other countries from international questions of freedom of the seas. Vietnam, the Philippines, Taiwan, Brunei and Malaysia also have claims in the Spratly Islands.

For the Clinton administra-tion, which has sought to stay out of the territorial dispute, the issue of safe passage through the area has become a major concern. A key question has been whether China was seeking to extend its sovereignty over the shipping lanes through

which 70 percent of Japan's crude oil imports pass.

While Washington has said it boped for a negotiated solution. it has sought clarification on the navigation issues in private contacts with Chinese leaders.

The commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific, Admiral Richard C. Macke, raised these concerns in meetings with Chinese military leaders last near the reef.

Mr. Shen did not elaborat when asked how Beijing de fined its territorial limit aroun the 21 islands and atolls, 5 submerged land spits and 2 partly submerged bits of con and rock that make up the is

land group. China first pressed its clair to the area through a 1992 lather that laid down regulations formts ships seeking to transit the wall and ters that pass close to the is an lands and reefs.

The law called for the "imme" diate eviction of foreign miliarid tary vessels or vessels owned build foreign governments and user to for noncommercial purposeum-that violate the laws and regulate. tions" of China.

The Foreign Ministry state and ment follows a confrontation am-Mischief Reef, 120 miles (19 the kilometers) off the coast of the Philippines.

Manila organized a tour o of the Mischief Reef area for journer nalists on May 13, but the trit was interrupted by close enhan counters with Chi-

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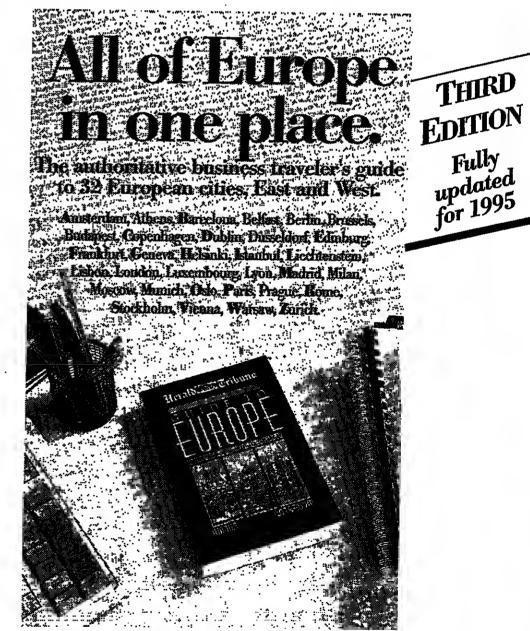
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Dollar-Denominated Issues Shine

By Carl Gewirtz International Herald Tribune

PARIS - With the dollar safely tucked in a trading range — unable to pierce the caps of 1.45 Deutsche marks and 88 yeo but not threatening to test its recent lows —international investors are moving back into the currency on the assumption that it is building a base for future advances.

That, at least, is the interpretation bankers offered for the blow-out success last week of \$1.5 billion worth of global boods offered by Canada. Underwriters said demand for the five-year paper easily topped \$2 billion. Tellingly, buyers in North America accounted for only a quarter of the placement.

Equally interesting is the reopening of emerging-market debt, closed since the fi-nancial upset in Mexico at the end of last year. Two Brazilian banks - Banco Bamerindus SA and Banco Bradesco SA tapped the dollar market last week, as did Banco de Comercia Exterior of Colombia. providing evidence that investors are less worried about credit risk these days and more coocerned about enhancing yield.

The yield on the ooe-year Bamerindus paper was 400 basis points over comparably dated U.S. government paper, while the spread on the two-year Bradesco ootes. reflecting its high standing, was 375 basis points. The high yields on a currency that could be poised to recover is reviving both institutional and retail demand for this kind of paper in Europe and Asia, under- yen to buy them.

writers said. The lead managers on the Brazilian notes were were Swiss Bank Corp. and Union Bank of Switzerland, further evidence of solid retail support.

Bankers add that there are more Brazilian issues on the launching pad, while the government itself is readying an issue of 50 billion yen.

Japanese investors also were buying the high-yielding emerging-market paper. The amount sold into Japan "is not huge, but enough to be interesting," one banker commented. That was about the same as the assessment of managers of the Canadi-

The bulk of the Canadian sales took place in Europe, accounting for just over half of the amount sold. In addition, just over 20 percent was placed in Asia. Although sales into Japan were relatively small, bankers report that demand in Japan was increasing — raising hopes that myestors in the world's largest creditor country are preparing to open their wallets for foreign securities.

The Japanese also were estimated to have taken some 10 percent of the 500 million DM of 10-year bonds offered last week by the Inter-American Development Bank. While the actual amounts sold into Japan are oot enormous, bankers are eager to believe that the long hiatus in Japanese private capital outflows is ending.

But analysts at Salomon Brothers Inc. cautioned against getting too excited about this prospect, warning that Japanese investors may be using foreign income to buy foreign securities rather than selling

The current softness of the yen "is not likely to be extended," said Robert Feldman, Tokyo-based analyst for Salomon. Only faint signs of change in trade and capital flow fundamentals have emerged over the past month, and other signals are adverse to yen weakness. Until a clear trend toward lower trade and current account surpluses is established, investor reluctance to invest in foreign assets could renew some upward pressure on the yen."

Italy, meanwhile, plans to go directly to Japan to seek up to 500 billion yen through the simultaneous sale of short-, mediumand long-term paper. Last November, Italy used this three-prong strategy to raise

450 billion yen. The first global bond denominated in French francs, issued by Portugal, was well received, with most of the demand coming from domestic French investors. The 6 billion francs of 10-year bonds was priced to yield 33 basis points more than domestic

government paper — a level that was deemed fair but tight.

An estimated 20 percent was taken by U.S. investors, on the face of it a surprise given the uncertain outlook for the currency under President Jacques Chirac's new government. But bankers noted that the foreign participation in the Portugal issue was not new money coming into the French market but rather switching, or selling French government paper for the higher yield. Managers estimated 40 percent was sold in France while sales in Asia were described as marginal. The proceeds were not swapped because Portugal is tak-ing the francs into its reserves.

Companies Rush to Secure Cheap Credit

Compiled by One Staff From Dispatches

But the record issuance levels every day, and at some point,

NEW YORK — A slide in could be drying up as the heavy the supply-demand equation Compiled by One Staff From Dispatches lowest levels of the year has prompted a flood of corporate debt issues, but the pace of new paper could slow this week if

investors begin to reject the stingy returns. Last week, 24 companies isa record for the year, while the yield on the benchmark U.S. 30-year issue fell to 6.92 percent

from 6.99 percent the previous

week. The yield touched 6.86 percent Tuesday. Issuance of corporate boods in May already is at the highest monthly level since the \$13.8 billion offered in March 1994 and could soon approach the \$20,4

long-term interest rates to the supply drags on the secondary

"You're having some indigestion in the market," said James Ho, a bond manager at John

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sued \$5.3 billion worth of debt, Hancock Funds in Boston, The spate of corporate bond sales is putting pressure on "rates in general," he said.

> Among the most recent companies selling boods to lock in low borrowing costs were the Chicago branch of ABN Amro Bank NV and Host Marriott Corp., which sold a total of \$2

"There continue to be large deals coming into the market they expected the central bank

changes," said Rebekah Helzel, a trader at BA Securities Inc. in San Francisco.

Potential issuers are likely to find the market attractive as long as U.S. Treasury rates re-

> "As long as portfolio managers believe rates are going low-er, supply is not a problem," said Terrence Pigott, head trader at Daiwa Securities America in New York.

Government boud traders next week will focus on a meeting Tuesday of the Federal Open Market Committee and the Treasury's auctions of 574.7 billion in new bills and notes.

Few dealers or traders said

to change its holding pattern on interest rates at the meeting

"The economy is showing too many signs of slowing down for the Fed to consider tightening anymore," said Marilyn Schaja an economist at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp. "By the same token, the slowdown in economic activity is suggesting to some market participants that the Fed is poised to ease its monetary policy.

But Ms. Schaja added that any easing in policy would be premature because the Federal Reserve Board would want to make sure that the economy's growth rate was below its noninflationary potential.

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Falcan 94	\$105.80	2001	0,225	99.58	-	Over 6-month Libor, Noncollable, Also \$62 million of notes due 2003 and paying 0.55 ove Libor, Fees not disclosed. (Margan Stanley InFL)
Household Revolving Home Equity Loon Trust	\$474.83	2015	0.22	100		Over 1-month Libor, Collable at par in 2004, Fees 8.30%, Denominations \$1 million.
Isveimer	\$150	1997	0.55	99.43		Over 6-month Libor, Callable at par in 1996, Fees 0.175%, (Margon Stanley Int'L)
St Erlk Securitles	\$160	2000	1/4	100		Over 3-month Libor, Noncollable, Fees 0.20%, Denominations \$100,000. (ABN-AMRO Bonk.
Union Bank of Finfand	\$100	2003	0.40	99.726		Interest will be 0.40 over 3-month Libor until 1998, when issue is collable at par, thereafter 1.40 over. Fees 0.165%. (PoineWebber.)
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ABN-AMRO Bank	\$1,000	2005	71/4	99.915	99.70	Semionnually, Noncallable, Fees 0.40%, Denominations \$100,000, (ABN-AMRO Bank.)
AT&T	\$400	2001	634	101.275	99.35	Reoffered at 99.70. Noncollable. Fees 176%. (Goldman Sochs Int'l.)
Banco Bamerindus do Brasil	\$100	1996	10	100		Semiannually, Noncollable, Fees 0.85%. (Swiss Bank Corp.)
Bonco Bradesco	\$100	1997	9.45	100	_	Serniannually, Noncollable, Fees 0.75%. (Union Bank of Switzerland.)
Banca de Comercio Exterior de Catombio	\$110	2000	84%	99	-	Reoffered at 99.92. Noncollobie, Fees not disclosed. (BT Securities.)
Canada	\$1,500	2000	61/2	99.225	99.25	Semiannually, Noncallable, Fees 0.25%. (Deutsche Bank.)
Volkswagen Invest	\$200	1998	61/2	100.993	99_50	Reoffered at 99.841, Noncolloble, Fees 196%. (Morgan Stonley Int'l.)
Commerzbank Overseas Finance	om 500	2000	5%	991/2	_	Noncallobie. Fungible with outstanding issue, raising total amount to 1 billion marks. Fees 2%. (Commerzbook.)
General Electric Capital Corp.	DM 200	2000	376	90.15		Reoffered at 87.90. Noncollable. Fees 2%. (Doutsche Bank.)
Inter-American Development Bank	DM 500	2005	7	101,375	99.95	Reoffered at 99.95. Noncallable, Fees 134%. (Oresoner Bank.)
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Bayerische Vereinsbank	£100	2005	856	100,198		Reaffered at 99.273, Noncallable, Fees 2%, (Barciays de Zoele Wedd.)
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Portugal	FF6,000	2005	7.70	100.46	99,34	Reoffered of 99.73. Noncollable, Fees 1.30%, LParibas Capital Markets.)
DSL Bank	ITL 150,000	1997	10.65	707.035	99.65	Noncollable. Fees 11/2%. (Banca Commerciale Italiana.)
European Investment Bank	ITL 300,000	2000	10.45	101.40	99.60	Noncollable. Fees 144%. (Banca di Roma.)
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Mitsubishi Corp. Finance	y 10,000	2002	3.30	100.10	_	Noncollable, Fees 0.30%, Denominations 166 million yen. (OKB Int'L)
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On the Multimedia Frontier, Entrepreneurs Reinvent Technology — and Themselves

By Richard Covington
Special to the Herald Tribune

CANNES -- In the wide-open spaces of the new-media frontier, the most enterprising pioneers will be those skilled in recreating their careers from scratch every 10 years, according to the science historian James Burke.

These virtuosos of flexibility will be lared as much by the rewards of an industry that is expected to top \$1 trillion within the next decade as by the prospect of being present at the creation of a new art form.

For Christopher Cerf - publisher, songwriter, satirist and now multimedia developer — this sounds like heaven.

Like two fellow multimedia developers - David Stephen, a Harvard-trained former numbers-cruncher for a Hollywood studio, and Alan Snow, a children's book illustrator - Mr. Cerf has never able to sit

still in one medium for long.

"Actually, I've always had my feet in several media at once," Mr. Carf said. "If you're someone who likes to write music and silly books, this multimedia gig is perfect."

The winner of two Grammy awards for television series, to devise a comprehensive catalog of the Modern Library available in multimedia format and edvised Random songs he wrote for "Sesame Street," founder of the magazine National Lampoon, author of the recently published Official Sexually Correct Dictionary and Dating Guide," and chairman of Random House's Modern Library series, Mr. Ceri has plunged into multimedia with both feet, both arms and both legs.

fromcally, to some, his aim is to improve literacy, to teach children and adults how to read using the new media that some skeptical educators fear will destroy the literary culture. Mr. Cerf is negotiating with a U.S. pub-

he television station to produce a new series to teach reading, developing Sesame Street-style characters with "phonic identi-

ties," he said.

"We might design a museum that only contains exhibits beginning with the letter B," he said, "and the series will be available." on multimedia computers, as well as TV." Beginning in the 1970s, Mr. Cerf started

collaborating with Theodore Geiss, the late author of the Dr. Seuss children's books, and the Children's Television Workshop, producer of the Sesame Street

until the last year or so that the technology became sufficiently advanced to combine music, text and animation, he said.

"Unless you have all these elements, you lose the kids," Mr. Cerf said. "Now you can bring up a television video on the computer screen, and at the same time,

T've found that people in this business are as smart and as entrepreneurial as any I've ever encountered.'

Christopher Cerf, multimedia developer.

construct a good many of the sentences a child might learn in an entire year." Since founding his own company, Christopher Cerf Associates Inc., he has helped put Sesame Street's Muppets on CD-ROM, initiated a joint venture with a newHouse on other new media ventures.

"It's all pretty seamless to me," he said. "I don't suddenly stop and say, 'Oh boy, I'm changing media now.' And I've found that people in this business are as smart and as entrepreneurial as any I've ever

David Stephen learned the new media ropes at the video-games giant Sega Europe Group Ltd. in Britain.

A former experimental filmmaker and Harvard Business School graduate. Mr. Stephen spent three years in Los Angeles in management at Columbia-Tristar Films before moving to Sega. For the past year, as the chief executive officer of Real World Ltd., he has been collaborating with the musician Peter Gabriel on the creation of visual computer compact disks.

'In Los Angeles, there were a hundred thousand guys like me, guys with business backgrounds trying to work their way up in the film industry," he said. "But working in England in multimedia, there's a lot media developer, Voyager Co., to make the more opportunity."

"The power in multimedia is now shifting from software gurus to the artists and musicians themselves," Mr. Stephen added, "In another few years, the distributors will probably have it locked up, just like they did

60 years ago with the movic husiness." The record companies are "nervous and unsure" about marketing visual compact disks, he said, fearful that "sales may cannibalize audio CD sales."

Mr. Stephen was pessimistic about the future of visual, or "enhanced" CDs. He said he expected consumers would not be willing to pay a significant premium for the visual component, unless the computer disk offers that elusive element of "repeatability" - industry jargon for hours spent playing the disk.

With 150 children's books to his credit, Alan Snow should have known to leave well enough alone. Hooked into multimedie by Bob and Aline Stein of Voyager Co., Mr. Snow immediately started doodling dog illustrations for what was to become his first visual compact disk on computer. "Bob and Aline said it was easy; they lied,"

he said. "Eight thousand hours and \$60,000 later, we've produced a very stupid idea. It's a dog supulator."

Mr. Snow's interactive cartoon. P.A.W.S - which stands for personal animated wagging system — is relentlessly silly, allowing a player to track canine misadventures from the dog's point of

view: digging for bones, being attacked by a cat, being launched like a rocket. "We built so much randomness into the thing, even I don't know what the dog will

encounter next," Mr. Snow said. Mr. Snow previously worked as a sound engineer for the rock group Tears for Fears, contributed animation to Mr. Ga-hriel's visual compact disk, "Xplora 1," and designed an audio sequencer to mix samples of music in real time. With two partners, Mr. Snow formed the Domestic Funk Products company.

After P.A.W.S., which the trio presented in Cannes recently at Apple Computer of Inc.'s New Media Forum, Mr. Snow and n company next plan to unleash something he terms "organic software toys," involving artificial intelligence and computer-generated organisms that mutate on their own.

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CYBERSCAPE

Mexico Takes a Cybertrail Blazed by Zapatista Rebels

By Ted Merz Bloomberg Business News

EXICO CITY — The Mexican government is following the Zapatista rebels into cyberspace. As part of a promise to provide foreign investors with more finan-cial information after the devaluation of the peso in December, Mexico's consulate in the United States has begun an electronic information service on the Internet.

The rebels are already there, with a site on the information highway that includes a picture of their masked, pipe-smoking

leader, Subcomandante Marcos, and the full text of the Zapatista declaration of war against the So far, financial Mexican government.

The government's offerings are a little more tame. Trade statistics and financial data are mixed with notices of cultural

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events. A notice of an exhibition by Mexican artists in New York allows users to pull up reproductions of the paintings on display.

The service, available on the part of the Internet called the World Wide Web at http://www.quickink.com/mexico/, is the first step in a broader plan to make Mexico's three main financial databases

So far, financial information on the consulate's Web page is limited to some economic figures on exports and international reserves. There is also a place — as yet unfilled — for the stock exchange to post activity reports and for Nacional Financeria, a development

bank, to provide some currency and money market rates.

One advantage of the Web is that investors can quickly click on other sites with related information. To find out more about President Ernesto Zedillo, for example, one can click on a separate page created by the Mexican Center of the Institute of Latin American Studies at the University of Texas. The page, reached by typing http://lanic.utexas.edu/, includes color photographs of the current cabinet and biographies.

The consulate's Web page is just part of a series of efforts over the past five months to make Mexico's finances more transparent. The project was launched, in part, to counter criticism of the way the government handled information after devaluing the peso in De-

Mexican officials accustomed to tightly comrolling the domestic media and limiting the flow of information may have been irked by the steady chatter about Chiapas and the Zapatistas on the Internet. There was little they could do about it, since a Zapatista Web page is available through the University of Texas and another from University of Guadalajara by typing http://mexico.udg.mx/ingles.html.

So the government decided instead to turn technology to its advantage. "We are taking advantage of new technologies that are available," said Jorge Pinto, Mexico's consul general in New York.

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Traders Vote No On Chirac

Doubts on Pledge Burden Franc

> By Carl Gewirtz International Herald Tribune

PARIS - Now that the French presidential election is over, the foreign-exchange market is voting against the franc.
with many dealers doubting
that the new administration can
keep its pledge to slasb unemployment without damaging the currency.

Thus, while the other major currencies barely budged last week and when the European beliwether Deutsche mark fell against almost all its neighbors, the franc declined across the board - even against such weaklings as the Mexican peso and the Italian lira.

Despite President Jacques Chirac's affirmation that be plans no change in exchangerate policy, the currency market is swamped with rumors that he might finesse this commitment by substituting the anchor for iding the franc strong.

The rumor is that instead of measuring the franc's strength or weakness against the European Union's strongest currency, the mark, the franc would be tied to the European Currency Unit, the current basket of all EU monies that is scheduled to become the area's common cur-

rency by the end of the decade. The advantage of dropping the mark rate in favor of the Ecu anchor is that the basket includes weaker currencies like the Spanish peseta and the Portuguese escudo - as well as the weaklings that have been driven out of the European monetary system's exchangerate mechanism (sterling and the lira) and those, such as the Greek drachma, never strong enough to have ever been part

of the ERM. The change in anchor would in no way alter the franc's permissible fluctuation against the mark. The outer band would remain unchanged at 3.8948 francs per mark. Rather, by holding the franc stable against the Ecu, the that now ring when the mark Japan's financial sector. strengthens to 3.6 francs.

most full use of the permitted fluctuation against the mark, an option it had lost. Under present conditions, short-term French to prevent the franc from nearing the outer limit. By anchoring to the Ecu, French rates could fall until the outer limit against the mark was approached.

Charles Wyplosz, a monetary specialist at Insead, the French business school, said that pegging the franc to the Ecu instead of the mark "would be a significant change and a smart move." But he questioned whether France had anything substantial to gain. The move would clear the way for France to cut short-

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Lloyd's Limps Forward Settlement Offer to Its Backers Awaited

By Erik Ipsen International Herald Technic

LONDON - Confused. concussed, and limping besvily, Lloyd's of London this week will confront perhaps the greatest challenge in its three centuries of exis-

The insurance market has lost an estimated £6.7 billion (\$10.51 billion) between 1988 and 1991, and it is expected to reveal on Tuesday a further loss of about £1.5 billion for

Industry sources said Lloyd's also would announce a plan to exorcise the demons that have threatened it with rain: internecine warfare between those who make up the market by pledging their wealth to underwrite insurance and mushrooming claims against policies written years ago covering risks such as natural disasters and asbestos poisoning.
The main order of business

at Lloyd's this week is expected to be a new settlement offer - said to be £3 billion to its Names, the individuals whose money has traditionally stood behind its policies. Many Names have alleged incompetence and negligence on the part of agents and underwriters regarding old poli-cies and are suing Lloyd's for

damages. Eighteen months ago. Lloyd's offered its Names £900 million to, in effect, drop their suits against the market and honor their debts to it. That offer met with prompt rejection Analysis

now say, moreover, that the increase in the amount of the expected settlement offer is illusory since the market's

losses have grown so much. But in spite of such criticism, there is growing senument that Names may now be more willing to seek a com-promise with Lloyd's.

"The overwhelming sense is that everyone would like a settlement," said Christopber Stockwell, chairman of the

There is

growing sentiment that Names may be willing to seek a compromise.

Lloyd's Names Associations' simply is no joy in the ongo-ing warfare."

Notwithstanding such warweariness, Mr. Stockwell and others bave cautioned that Names would balk at any offer that promised them less than they would hope to wring out of the market through the courts.

Key to the success or fail-ure of any settlement offer, however, would be the second prong of Lloyd's anticipated moves: plans to isolate the market, which is currently trading profitably, from the plague of its old pobries.

Lloyd's, which reports its results three years in arrears, is believed to have made a

profit of £1 billion in each of the last two calendar years.

Disasters such as the Exxon Valdez oil spill off the coast of Alaska in 1989 and the Piper Alpha oil-rig fire in the North Sea in 1988 devastated the market, as did numerous asbestos cases in the

The plan to separate old and new policies hinges on a new entity, to be called Equitas. Like troubled banks that have essentially escaped their soured loans by consigning them to separately capitalized, so-called bad banks, Lloyds' hopes to place all of its un-profitable policies written through 1992 into Equitas.

But in the case of Lloyd's, where the scope of the potential liabilities is enormous, the exercise is complex to say the least. One of many conun-Working Party, the group drums is just how much mon-representing most of the cy Equitas would need to pay off on thousands of individual policies. Another is where that cash would come from.

For the Names, Equitas would offer the opportunity to end years of uncertainty over the scope of their potential losses by finally and firm ly capping them. With what would be, in essence, policies that insured against the losses of old policies. Names could pay a premium to Equitas

and, at last, exit the market. "It is widely recognized that without a cap, no settle-ment deal will work," said Richard Platts, membership secretary for the Gooda Walker Action Group, a

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Singapore Air **Gets Lift From More Travelers**

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE - Buoyed by an upture in global air travel, Singapore Airlines Ltd. on Monday reported a rise of more than 50 percent in its operating profit for the year to March. But the carrier's stellar performance was dragged down by

weak returns at the company's other units. The airline posted an operating profit of \$17 million Singapore dollars (\$586 million) for 1994-95, up nearly 53 percent, as fuel prices fell and recovering economies in major industrial-

ized countries encouraged international air travel But annual profit of the company's subsidiaries, which include an investment unit, a regional carrier and engineering. airport terminal services and airport duty-free shops, plunged by 60 percent, to 114

million dollars. As a result, operating profit for the entire Singapore Airlines group rose only 14 percent in the year, to 931 million dollars. Net profit was 917 million dollars, up from 801 million dollars. Revenue rose to 6.56 billion dollars from 5.24 billion dollars.

With rival airlines in the region discounting fares and gaining market share at the expense of Singapore Airlines, the company said the outlook for passenger traffic, which accounts for more than two-thirds of total revenue, was mixed.

it would match recent discounts hy competitors, including a 30 percent cut in fares to European and U.S. destinations by Ma-laysian Airline System Bhd.

But Singapore Airlines said competition in 1995-96 would "be keener as airlines jostle to regain traffic after the turn-around of the industry in 1994."

It warned that passenger and cargo margins would continue to be under pressure from com-pention and the strength of the Singapore dollar. As a longhaul and regional carrier. Singapore Airlines earns much of its revenue in currencies other than the Singapore dollar.

Analysts said Sunday that Singapore Airlines faced a difficult choice: if it failed to respond to fare discounting by rivals it would probably keep losing market share, but if it started price cutting profits would fall.

■ China Looks for Investors China will send a delegation to the United States in August to seek help in building new airports and expanding existing facilities, news agencies report-

ed from Beijing. While the U.S. trip is aimed at drumming up investment for airport construction projects, Yang Yinbao, an official with China's Civil Aviation Administration, said it was only the beginning of a push to attract foreign cash into all areas of aviation infrastructure.

(AFP, Bloomberg)

Sumitomo Leads the Way Into the Red

By Sheryl WuDunn New York Times Service

TOKYO — It is the biggest bank in the world, owns a chunk of Goldman, Sachs & Co., is being harassed and sbot at hy gangsters and is little known outside Japan. Sumitomo Bank Ltd. has amassed the

equivalent of \$624 billion in assets, about 2.5 times as much as Citibank, by daring to government could allow the blaze its own trail in a country that preaches franc more slippage against the conformity. But now it is facing an array of ges that underscore the furthou in

Since 1916, when Sumitomo became the In other words, the change first private bank in Japan to expand overwould allow the government al- seas, it has been one of the country's most aggressive and profitable institutions. This week, its fortunes will take a new turn as it becomes the first Japanese bank in the postwar period to report an annual loss. At least interest rates would have to rise three other Japanese banks also are expected to post losses this month.

March 31 will come because it is writing off a large chunk of bad debt. Analysts love this sort of aggressiveness,

but customers often do not. A survey among corporate banking customers this loans. month found that Sumitomo was the most unpopular bank in Japan — apparently because it has the temerity to turn down credit risks. "If there is any Japanese bank that is

most like an American bank, it is Sumitomo," a competing Japanese banker said.
"It is the most profit-driven. If your industry doesn't have potential, they won't lend

Sakura Plans Write-Off Of \$4 Billion in Loans

TOKYO - Sakura Bank Ltd. plans to write off a total of 350 billion yen (\$4 billion) in bad loans in the year to March 1996, the Nihon Keizai newspaper said. The bank may sell stocks to generate casb for the write-off.

Japanese financial institutions are in the process of writing off a huge volume of nonperforming loans extended to real estate buyers in the 1980s. Major commercial banks alone have bad loans totaling more than 13 trillion yen.

Just a few years ago, size and status were everything to a bank. In the 1980s, economic growth in Japan led its bankers to lend For Sumitomo, the loss in the year to recklessly at home and expand breathlessly overseas.

Sumitomo added 14 offices abroad in the late 1980s, invested \$500 million in Goldman Sachs and racked up a pile of bad

It is now paying for that wild growth. It was forced to absorb a large client, Itoman,

that collapsed in the middle of an art scan-dal and led to the resignation in 1990 of Sumitomo's chairman, Ichiro Isoda. Write-downs related to Itoman also make

up a significant part of this year's losses, which are expected to be between 250 billion yen and 300 billion yen (\$2.9 billion and \$3.5 billion).

Then for more than a year, Sumitomo had a series of bizarre brushes with the Japanese underworld. It was the target of more than a dozen attacks, presumably stemming from business dealings with crime syndicates or loans turned sour.

In 1993, a Molotov cocktail was tossed into the residence of Tatsumi Sotoo, the bank's current chairman. Then, apparently in a separate incident last fall, an executive director in the bank's Nagova branch was fatally shot.

page, or at least bringing itself into line with banks in the rest of the modern world.

It is building a new computer system, extending banking bours, expanding its lending to small companies and developing better techniques for risk management. It also is cleansing its books and trimming its size to prepare for the next bout of fierce

'Japan has been behind the United States hy 10 years," said the president of Sumitomo, Toshio Morikawa, who recently stepped down as the industry's leading

Sumitomo's experience is a warning light to other banks with growth aspirations, particularly Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, which is expected to be formed next spring through the merger of Bank of Tokyo Ltd. and Mitsubishi Bank Ltd.

Not only Sumitomo, but all the major banks are trying to find a way to survive, an executive at a Japanese bank said. "For five decades after World War II, bankers have lived in a highly regulated industry and top banks look so similar to each other."

ICI Submits New Bid for Grow Group

"ICI has submitted a bid,"

ICI opened the bidding on May I with a \$18.10 per share offer for Grow that valued the company at \$290 million, only to see it topped a week later by a \$19.50-per-share offer from

For both bidders, buying Grow would fulfill a pressing need to increase sales in the U.S. market, which accounts for a third of global paint sales, analysts said. Grow's marine coatings and strong retail-store presence, especially in California, make it a good fit for both suitors. Industry observers bave added that cost-cutting opportu-

ICI currently sells around \$1 billion in paint per year in the United States, having bought the Cleveland-based Glidden paints for \$550 million in 1986. That acquisition brought it into beadon competition with Sherwin. which is also based in Cleveland.

ICI, the British chemicals giant, last year introduced its Dulux brand of paint in the United States and further strengthened its band by acquiring Decra-trend Paints of California.

Grow had sales of \$402 mil-lion in the year ended June 30.

Carl C. Icahn, the financier

known for wresting Trans World Airlines from its management. has been buying the debt of Rockefeller Center Properties Inc., the real estate investment trust that holds the \$1.3 billion mortgage on Rockefeller Center. Stephanie Strom of the New York Times. Traders said late Friday that

Mr. Icahn's investment firm had been accumulating the trust's bonds since two partnerships that own Rockefeller Center filed for bankruptcy on May Il. The trust is the largest creditor of the partnerships, in which the Mitsubishi Estate Co. of Japan has an 80-percent stake and the Rockefeller family has a 20

and

As of the end of last year, Mr. lcahn's firm also owned less than I percent of Rockefeller Center Properties' 38.26 million shares, most of which are held by individual investors.

raider, Mr. leahn in recent vears has become one of a clique of investors who specialize in huying stakes in dis-

AromaScan Is Betting That Its Nose Knows

By Erik Ipsen International Herald Tribune

CREWE, England - In the demonstration room of AromaScan PLC, a group of tobacco executives are watching a teal- and cream-colored machine that looks like a large coffee maker sniff a bag of Old Holborn tobacco through a tube.

The company bills its machine, which has applicaincluding food and brewing, as the world's first electronic nose. It also proudly

Using a tiny silicon chip imbedded

what it thinks of Old Holborn. The analysis shows up in the form of a series of dots on a pair of two-dimensional graphs - a representation of the scent's unique electronic fingerprint By refining the software - in essence, educating the machine - AromaScan claims its device can perform

tasks ranging from detecting tiny

amounts of foreign matter in wheat (a

useful task for bakers) to distinguish-

ing between various single-malt

Scotch whiskeys (an essential task for whiskey blenders).

tween Glenfarclas and Glenlivet, between Kenyan coffee and Brazilian, between high roast and low." boasts Allan Syms, AromaScan's managing

More to the point, Whithread is experimenting with the notion of replacing its traditional panel of tasters in one of its breweries with the machine. If the AromaScan's charts showed any anomaly in a day's batch of beer, the humans could quickly be summoned for their assessment. That, however, would take five tasters as long as 20 minutes, compared with the

AromaScan, which has about 50 employees, sold 20 of its machines last year, at \$50,000 each. Customers ranged from Kellogg Co., the American cereal maker, to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. This year AromaScan is shipping about four

machines per week. AromaScan is a new company. launched at the beginning of last year to commercialize the results of more than a decade of research led by Krisna Persaud at the University of Manchester's Institute of Science and Technology. The university scientists had origi-

nally called their machine the Odor Mapoer and their enterprise, World of Odors. But husinessmen brought in to

carry out the commercialization of the project, led by Mr. Syms, quickly fastened on the more upbeat AromaScan moniker. Under that name, the company went public with a £12 million Whitbread PLC is

considering replacing its tasters with the machine

(\$18.8 million) share issue last August. In the six-month period ended last Oct. 31, AromaScan lost £819,000. "We fully expect to be in profit by the secto-date results are due soon.

a low of 73.5 pence in January but bave since rebounded to close at 82 pence on Friday in London. Key to Mr. Syms's confidence is the

ty-assurance devices. Indeed, he envisions his sensor

Scientists have calculated that smell accounts for 90 percent of the human sense of taste. That is why brewers, for example, can contemplate substituting an electronic nose for a panel of buman tasters. That is also why, says Mr. Syms, our mothers held our noses when administering foul-tasting cod-liver oil. or why a stuffed-up nose makes for

The human nose has 30 different types of sensors that can differentiate up to 10,000 aromas, Mr. Syms said. The tongue, be added, can only differentiate hetween four qualities: sweetness, sourness, bitterness and salu-

which along with the AromaScan software are the only things the company actually makes itself - mimics the action of the human nose, Mr. Syms maintained. Different molecules in a smell sample effect the ability of the polymers to conduct electricity, and those effects are translated into the scent's electronic fingerprint.

other Monday.

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points out that, last month, the apparatus (which goes by the same name as the company) was one of five finalists in a competition sponsored by the Prince of Wales to find the most innovative new British technology of the year.

with 32 different polymer sensors and running data through a small computer, the machine tells its nudience just

"It can tell you the difference bedirector. John Tomlinson, a research scientist

at Whitbread PLC, the British brewer, has been using the machine for more than a year. In fact, Whithread bas bought two of the devices and is using them to test everything from finished beers to the hops and barley that go into them. "There is no way it will replace the human nose, but it takes the onus away from burnan perception, which can be fickle, said Dr. Tomlinson.

20 seconds it takes the machine.

panel of human in one brewery.

ond half of '96," said Frederick Worth. the company's financial director. Up-AromaScan's shares have also been tested. Issued at 100 pence, they fell to

buge array of purposes to which he sees the new technology being applied. While be plans to continue making equipment for laboratory-based tests, be also hopes to enter arrangements with licensees who might use the chips in everything from home appliances to production-line, quali-

chips going into ovens that could "smell" when food was cooked, for example, and into refrigerators that could "sniff" when something was in danger of being in storage too long. To Mr. Syms, the nose is one of the most vital buman organs. "Our nose is constantly interacting with the environment in which we live, telling us whether it is safe or not and healthy or not," he said.

tasteless mealtimes.

The polymer-embedded chip -

Articles in this series appear every

LONDON - Imperial Chemical Industries PLC said Sunday that it had submitted a new bid in its battle with a U.S. rival, Sherwin-Williams Co., for control of the New York-b paint maker Grow Group Inc.

said an Imperial spokesman, refusing to give details.

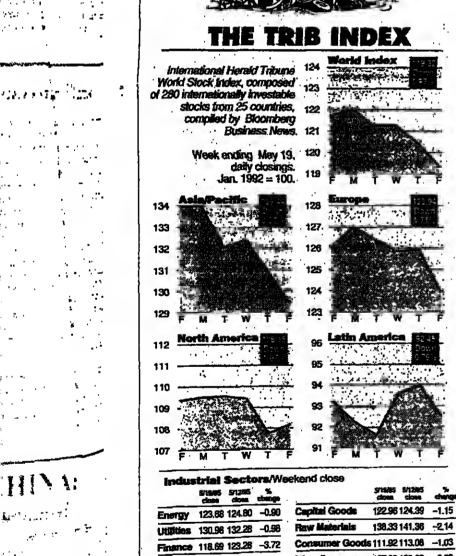
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New York Times Service

WIESBADEN, Germany - Perhaps Nicholas Leeson, the young trader accused of bringing down Barings PLC, should have known more about Hirgen Schneider.

Mr. Leeson lost more than \$1 billion hedging positions that lost hundreds of hedging positions that lost hundreds of days Mr. at Barings by making sophisticated trades in derivative financial instruments. Having fled Singapore before his losses were discovered, he was caught only days later at the Frankfurt airport.

in contrast, Mr. Schneider lost more than \$3 billion from the collapse of. traditional real estate investments after he persuaded Germany's most sophisticated bankers to overfinance them.

As his losses came to light, Mr.

As such, Mr. Schneider provided an object lesson on how to chide an international manhunt. More significantly, he showed how one person could deliberately exploit the financial possibilities in a bubble real estate market like that of Eastern Germany after reunification.

Unlike the Barings scandal, in which Mr. Leeson took little-understood millions of dollars in days, Mr. Schneider paid too much for properties, spent too lavishly on improvements and did not have many tenants. So he kept his empire affort by securing new loans from Germany's largest banks and allegedly falsifying rental documents. Annual losses of \$390 million went undetected until it was too

As his losses came to light, Mr.

Schneider and his wife vanished for 13
months—until his surprising arrest in banks. Can they tend to their basic business of lending while they are su-

pervising other, unrelated businesses? The arrest of Mr. Schneider is likely to raise that question again.

Currently, German banks are permitted to hold big investments in multiple German companies and to hold seats on those companies' boards. The banks are just beginning to say

their image is improving, that the public is thinking better of them, and this will throw a cloud over it all," a banking analyst in Frankfurt said. But for now, the public is still trying

to take in the fact that the "housing king" of Germany, known for his expensive suits and tuxedos, a toupee and a glamorous wife, has been reduced to the image they saw on television Friday - that of a nearly bald, older-looking man with a small amustache, dressed in shorts and a white sports shirt. He persuade banks to keep lending, police looked more like a Florida retiree than a say, be falsified rental contracts and Frankfurt socialite.

Mr. Schneider was arrested in down-

A schedule of this week's economic and financial events, compiled for the Interna-tional Hamid Tribuna by Bloombarg Busi-

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Telge Prime Minister Paul Keeting to begin four-day vielt to Japan for talks on trade and other lesure.
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long yields, rising inflation ex-

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She noted that "the natural

uncertainty," she said.

FRANC: A Vote Against Chirac

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The Week Ahead: World Economic Calendar, May 22 - May 26

e May 26 Hong Keeg External trade for April, first-quarter economic report and first update of the gross domestic product and price forecasts for 1995.

Expected this week Frankfuri-German May preliminary cost of Rving.
Forecast: Up 0.2 percent in month, up 2.2

percent in year. Also, March capital ac-

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Japan. Copenhagen. April consumer price in-dex. Forecast: Up 0.5 percent in month.

up 2.4 percent in year. Frankfurt April producer price Index. Forecast: Unchanged in month, up 1.8

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up 5.4 percent in year. Earnings expected British Airways.

agents as he sat in a rented car outside a Germany was enduring its harshest bank. His wife, Claudia, was arrested 45 postwar recession. On April 6, Mr. minutes later at their high-rise apartment about 12 miles north of Miami.

This was one of the hardest investi- for his health. gations, if not the hardest investigation, to conduct in the last 10 years of this agency's history," said Hans Schmid, chief of investigations for the German Federal Police.

With a cultured manner and enoreventually became the largest real estate magnate in Germany was able to woo almost any banker.

of his empire shook their heads at how cluded that 150 banks and businesses clear it was that his projects were too lavish and lacked enough tenants. To financial statements.

Eventually, in early 1994, it became

a May 26 Assistantana First-quarter preliminary gross domestic product. Forecast: Up 0.8 percent in quarter London May CBI trends survey. Earnings expected Officets.

May 22 Ottawa All Canadian finan-

Day holiday. New York Germany's stock, futures and

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a May 23 Washington Federal Open Market Committee meeting.
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nance and Securitization starts at the Sat-omon Center and Vista Hotel at the World Trade Center presentations. Through

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darras: The Practical Impact on Brazilian Exports & Imports," a breaktest briefing aponeored by the Brazilian American Chamber of Commerce. Santiago Chila's central bank will re-lease the monthly indicator for economic activity for March. Outlook: Up 7 percent. Santiago. April tracte.

Ottowa March wholesale trade.

town Miami by FBI and German evident that he was in a cash squeeze as Schneider left Germany for Switzerland, citing the need to take a vacation

Thus began the 13-month flight. Within days his wife joined him, and they traveled to Washington and on to Florida, where they stayed in the apartment of a friend and business partner.

But after a few days in Miami, police mous self-confidence, the man who investigators say, the Schneiders began using false identifications and then disappeared.

So had billions of dollars owed to Auditors who later studied the ruins scores of businesses. Auditors conwere owed more than \$3.6 billion.

So panicked were small companies about recovering their debts that they began to raid Schneider building sites, taking back equipment and building

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goods orders.
Washington National summit led by government and industry leaders, on privatizing the U.S. Postal Service.

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New York Germany's stock, futures and options exchange, the Deutsche Borse, seminar on its products and offerings.
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pace of economic growth.

BONN (AFP) - Unions and employers of the German iron and steel industry have reached agreement on new wage rates for most of their 105,000 workers in the former West Germany.

German Steelworkers Get Pay Raise

SHORT COVER

SEOUL (AFP) - Brisk exports and heavy investment helped

"South Korea's economy grew 9.9 percent in the first quarter.

boosted by an increase in exports and brisk industrial invest-

ment," said Han Yi-Hon, a senior presidential secretary. Mr. Han

voiced concern about a snowballing balance-of-payments deficit but said the government would need no special steps to adjust the

South Korea's current-account deficit swelled in the first quar-ter of this year to \$3.75 billion from \$2.16 billion in the like period

South Korea attain 9.9 percent economic growth in the first quarter of the year, the highest level in four years, a top policy-

Exports Spur South Korean Growth

maker was quoted as saying on Sunday.

The agreement, reached late Friday, covers 90,000 workers in the states of North Rhine-Westphalia, Lower Saxony and Bremen, where most of the industry is concentrated. They will receive a 155 Deutsche mark (\$107) bonus in their May pay packets and a

4 percent wage increase beginning in June.
The powerful IG Metall trade union, which went into the negotiations demanding a 6.5 percent wage increase, had provoked a series of stoppages to protest against the employers' original offer of a 2.9 percent rise. Harald Schartau, an IG Metall official, said both sides would begin talks soon on increasing the number of apprenticeships in the industry, which he alleged had

ROME (Bloomberg) — Producer prices in Italy's industrial

The data showed continued acceleration in prices since the

Medina.

New York: "Foreign Investment and Business Opportunities in Minas Gerals, Brazil" with the deputy governor of the state. Sponsored by the Brazilian American Chamber of Commerce.

Ottawa April poneumer price Index.

• Mary 25 Washington April existing home sets. home sales.
Washington The Labor Department re-ports initial weekly state unemployment compensation insurance claims. show that annual consumer inflation rose to 5.4 percent in May from 5.2 percent in April.

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Others March International transactions in securities.

Toronto Robert Hutshinson at law firm Borten & Effot will speak about derivatives at a meeting sponsored by the Toronto Society of Financial Analysis.

Menocyania International Metabounduration Vancouver International Metalworkers' Federation Central Committee will meet for two days to discuss organized labor

are two cays to discuss organized labor and politics.
Toronto A group of business and government officials from Marig with speak at a meeting aponsored by the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Toronto.

Earnings expected Hudson's Bay, National Bank of Canada, Toronto-Dominion Bank.

Bank, s May 26 Washington Minutes from the Federal Open Market Committee meeting released. Washington April Import/export price

Indexes.
Ann Arbor, Mich. The University of Michigan releases its final consumer sentiment index for May.
San Paule Inflation for 30-day period ending May 24.
New York "Petroleum Monopoly in Brazil: What's Ahead?" a decussion with Entered Consumeration Robotic Proposition

Federal Congressman Roberto Procopio de Lima Natio from Rio de Janeiro, serv ing as chairmen of the committee consid-ering constitutional amendment propos-als for privatization.

Ottawa April industrial production and new material prices.

fallen by 40 percent in recent years. **Higher Prices Lift Italian Industry**

sector rose 1.3 percent in March from February and 7.5 percent from March 1994, the country's national statistics bureau said over the weekend. The increase, driven by higher prices for processed raw materials, was the largest since 1989 and was in line with economists' expectations.

annual rate bottomed at 3.0 percent in early 1994. Producer prices rose 1.1 percent in February, which put the year-to-year increase at 6.3 percent. For all of 1994, producer prices rose 3.8 percent. The report was the first of two indicators that were expected to show that Italy's inflation rate was increasing. A Monday report on consumer prices in Italy's nine largest cities was expected to

Li Ka-shing Chooses Grand Cayman HONG KONG (Reuters) - The Hong Kong tycoon Li Ka-

shing has chosen to deposit much of his personal fortune in the

Cayman Islands, a Hong Kong newspaper said Sunday.
The South China Morning Post said that Mr. Li had chosen the Caribbean tax haven as a base for newly created trusts holding his personal shares in his flagship property company, Cheung Kong

Mr. Li had earlier said he would transfer the trusts out of the British colony to save on inheritance taxes but had declined to say which jurisdiction had been selected. The newspaper said a search of the company registry had revealed that the three trusts were based at a post office box in Georgetown, Grand Cayman.

RWE Files Complaint Over Reactor

FRANKFURT (Reuters) - The German electricity utility RWE Energie AG said over the weekend that it had filed a legal complaint against the state government of Hesse for ordering it not to restart a nuclear reactor near Frankfurt.

The Biblis B reactor was shut down in February after steam was discovered leaking from a crack, but RWE said it had since met all safety requirements set by authorities. RWE informed the Hesse environment ministry that it intended to restart the reactor on Friday night but the ministry immediately issued an order disal-

Reprieve Seems Near For Orange County

COSTA MESA, California the jittery municipal finance market in the United States, close a deal over the weekend that would postpone repayment of nearly \$1 billion in short-term debt for a year, averting a default that has threatened to brand one of America's wealthiest counties a deadbeat bor-

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Bondholders met with county representatives Friday in Los Angeles to forge a settlement that — even though it would offer a welcome reprieve to the bankrupt county government -would cost the county nearly a percentage point in interest, at a price of over \$9 million.

"It is not concluded, but we believe there will be an agree-ment by early next week," said Orange County's chief execu-

tive, William Popejoy.
Skip Victor, of Chamin & Co., a financial adviser to a group of county creditors that includes participants," Mr. Popejoy holders of \$1 billion in shorts, term notes coming due this summer, added: "I think we're

An agreement would calm which, since the county's December bankruptcy filing, has issued repeated, loud warnings that every issuer of municipal debt in California — and perhaps beyond — would pay a premium and suffer lingering consequences if Orange County

Negotiating the \$1 billion debt rollover was one key element of a financial recovery plan that also relied on the new revenues that would be generated if voters approved Measure R, the half-cent sales tax increase that will be on a June 27 ballot, county officials said.

"Measure R is critical to provide a revenue stream to repay the bandholders, the schools the cities and all the other pool n in short said. If the measure passed, the due this new tax revenues would not bethink we're gin flowing to the county until late this year or early 1996.

USAir Seals Concessions With the Last of Its Unions

By Frank Swoboda Washington Part Service

WASHINGTON - USAn Group Inc. has agreed with the Association of Flight Attendents to tomornilions of dollars a year from the major's compact, steering the way for the financially troubled nittine to cot its labor costs by \$2.5 billion over the next

five years.

The flight attendants' union; with 8,300 members, was the last rule concessions. USAn had to reach agreement with its unions before it could seek shareholder concessions as part of a broad financial rescue package needed to assure the airline's survival.

USAir executives warned that all of the union agreements must

still be approved by the membership —which could take weeks and that the concessions were contingent upon approval by USAir's board and stockholders.

After the contract clies are approved by the union membership, USAir must then try to restructure the financial terms of its publicly held preferred stock.

Two of USAir's major preferred shareholders are British Air-

ways PLC, which owns 24 repercent of the company, and the billionaire investor Warren Buffett, who owns 13 percent. Both have the power to scuttle the deal. .

LLOYD'S: Settlement Expected

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Lloyd's insurance syndicate. In. fact one of the greatest challenges facing Lloyd's this week is the feeling in the industry that it must solve not just one set of problems but all of them. "The problems are all inter-

linked," said William Lewis, a director at Minories Underwriting Agencies, a Lloyd's agency.
"I don't think Lloyd's will come up with a magic wand solution but I do hope they can come up with a plan in principle." One of the trickiest and most

essential ingredients to such a plan will simply be something of which Lloyd's is conspicu-ously short at present — cash. A settlement with litigating Names could be one source, in that Names - provided they were still solvent - would then be expected to abandon their or loss on its business.

legal battles and pay off their debts to syndicates.

Another could be a widely expected levy on both corporations and Names currently underwriting in the market. A third source would be the market's institutions themselves.

"Lloyds' brokers and agents have to be prepared to dig very deeply into their own pockets and to make a very positive contribution," said Charles Sturge, an analyst at Chatset, a company that monitors the British insurance industry. He pegged the likely sum at £500 million.

To try to claw some of those profits into efforts to escape its present problems, Lloyds is also expected soon to announce that it will end its practice of waiting three years to realize the profit

franc would be a return to the 1992 level — previous to the devaluations of sterling and the lira — in the area of 6.9. All things being equal, this is equivalent to a rate of 3.74 francs per mark." The mark finished Friday at 3.5469 francs and the Ecu finished at 6.6153 francs.

Avinash Persaud at J. P. Morgan & Co. in London argued that "by revealing that there is a price too high to be paid for keeping the franc's link with the mark there is a danger that any new arrangement, however un-ambitious, will lack credibility."

In his view, the changed anchor would give the franc the status of a loser, falling with the mark in the event the dollar strengthened and falling with the dollar if the mark rallied.

Ms. Perez said she saw the franc remaining under pressure, with the mark strengthening to 3.60 to 3.65 francs, and a continued widening of the risk premium pushing the differential in long-term government bonds to from the current spread of 64

She also warned that the expected French mini-budget to be announced in mid-summer probably would "reveal a a much sharper deterioration in

public finances for the year to would likely be lost to higher date than is generally expected." but it also would probably raise the risk premium investors demand to hold long-term debt.

In short, the economic impact target for the Ecu against the of a possible decline in official short-term rates would probably be offset by a rise in long-term bond-market interest rates which would be equivalent to France shooting itself in the foot since officials have argued that low long-term rates, rather than short-term rates, are the key to increasing business activity.

Joanne Perez at Banque Indosucz concurred. The economic advantages of lower short rates

Black Market Returns to Iran

TEHRAN - The govern ment's closure of freely fluctu ating foreign-exchange markets on Sunday immediately led to the creation of a black market where the dollar significantly exceeded a government ceiling against the rial, Iran's currency.

The government on Thursday said the open foreign-exchange markets would be closed and 30 basis point over German rates that the dollar would trade at a maximum 3,000 rials through the state banking system. The dollar was changing hands at 7,000 rials just a week ago.

On the black markets Sunday, the dollar traded between 4,200 rials and 4,300 rials.

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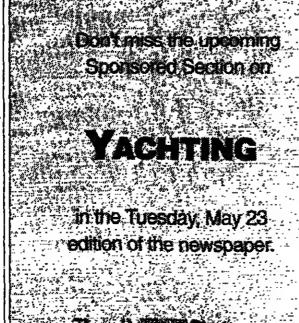
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Luc Robitaille left open by a poor line change by the visiting New Jersey Devils, scored the tie-breaking goal with 1:16 left, and Ken Wregget outplayed first-round goaltending star Martin Brodeur to give the de-pleted Penguins a 3-2 victory Satur-Conference semifinals.

Robitaille and Ron Francis scored on shots off Brodeur's glove and Wregget, with mostly reserve defensemen protecting him, turned away several dead-on shots while making 27 saves as the Penguins won their fourth straight game.

Robitaille, left unprotected as the mieux. What they never guessed was lead pass and bounced a three-foot they'd make it with guys named Ian shot off Brodeur's glove hand.

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"They made a lot of great plays, hut we didn't break down," said

NHL PLAYOFFS

Wregget, who bas allowed only three goals in his last three games.

The Penguins won a Game I for the first time in their last four playoff day night in Game 1 of the Eastern series, and without first-line defensemen Ulf and Kjell Samuelsson. In their place was Berebowsky and

Moran, who spent most of the season in the minors. Maciver not only set up Francis's goal, he kept a shot by Claude Lemieux from going in after the backhander had flipped over Wregget's shoulder.

in the second period - and the Canucks advanced to the second round, where they will play Chicago.

The Canucks won for the third time at the new Kiel Center, where St. Louis finished the season on a 13-3-1 run, and made Keenan a Game 7 loser for the first time in five games. His New York Rangers beat the Canucks, 3-2, in Game 7 of the Cup finals last June.

Cliff Ronning had a goal and an assist for the Canucks, who were outshot by 44-22 but scored on two of their first three shots and four of their first 12.

Three goals came from the Canucks' special teams, one a record-setting sixth shorthanded goal in the series by Pavel Bure.

Blackhawks 5, Maple Leafs 2: Chi-The Pittsburgh Penguins knew for months that their next Stanley Cup run wouldn't include Mario Le
Koontaine, left unprotected as the same time three games on Friday night, Vancouver got even with Mike Keenan as Kirk McLean stopped 41 shots—25 and Patrick Poulin broke open a close game with goals 26 seconds apart in the third period.

Murphy added an empty-net goal for the Blackhawks, who became only the ninth team in NHL history to win a best-of-7 series after dropping the first two games at home.

Sharks 5, Flames 4: Ray Whitney scored at 1:54 of the second overtime as San Jose pulled off another firstround shocker.

Last year, the Sharks upset the For the Record heavily favored Detroit Red Wings, whome they will now play in the

SIDELINES

Ballesteros Wins in Spanish Open

MADRID (AP) - Seve Ballesteros led a Spanish sweep of the first three places in the Spanish Open, struggling to 1-under-par 71 Sunday to finish two strokes ahead of José Rivero and Ignacio Garrido for his third victory in the event but first on the European tour this year.

Ballesteros opened with three straight bogeys and shot 38 on the front nine. But he picked up three birdies on the back nine, the last on the 18th hole, and said, "I think this round took five years off

 Vijay Singh, unable to defend his title at the Buick Classic last year because of back problems, shot 4-under-par 67 to take a onestroke lead over Bobby Wadkins into Sunday's last round in Harrison, New York,

Evander Holyfield, the two-time champion, successfully took a first step back into the heavyweight title picture with a unanimous 10-round decision over Ray Mercer in Atlantic City. (AP)

Wade Flaherty played a remarkable game in goal for the Sharks, making 56 saves as his team was outshot, 60-30.

Two spectators were killed and more than 30 seriously injured when a car overturned and smashed through a barrier during a European Mountain Championship race in northern Portugal.

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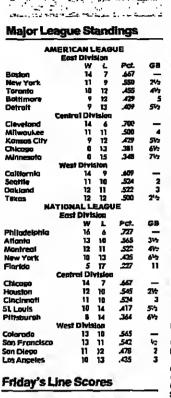
BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa -The Weish rugby team's manager, Jeff Evans, was not happy Sunday with World Cup organizers in the wake of

Saturday's opening ceremonies.

"The event was very reasonable but it was a very long day," said Evans. "From Bloemfontein to Cape Town is about an hour and a half direct by air, but it took us about three and three-quarter hours to get there and about the same to get back." That was because the flight to Cape Town went via Durban, where it picked up the England and Argentina squais. The return flight took the same route. Welsh humor was not improved when

the pilot warmly welcomed both the England and Argentinian teams, and wished them good luck, but apparently forgot that Wales was even on board.

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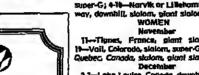
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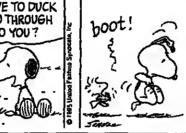


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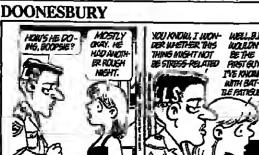
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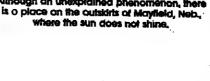
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A New Contract But Because of Injury, Future Is Still Unclear

The Associated Press MILANELLO, Italy — Although his future is still uncertain, Marco Van Basten, the long-injured Dutch striker of European soccer champion AC Milan, has had his contract extended through June 1996. It

would have run out next month. "We really hope he can return," AC Milan's managing director, Adriano Gal-liani, said Saturday, "There are some posi-tive signals from the doctors."

The 30-year-old center-forward, side-lined since May 1993 with an ankle injury that has needed three operations, said he had no definite plans for the future "because I'm going through a delicate period, in which you can just think, hope, to resume as a professional player.

"I'm prepared, psychologically, for re-tirement. But I don't feel beaten yet," he said as teammates practiced for Wednes-day's Champions' Cup final against Ajax of Amsterdam, his former club.

The Milan club, which is owned by the

media tycoon and former premier Silvio Berlusconi, had first announced a that news conference for Van Basten would be held Saturday. It then postponed it until after the Cup final. No reason was given for this change in plans.

Van Basten had his latest checkup at a Belgian clinic on Wednesday. Team doctors said the biggest problem has been the slowness of ankle cartilage to re-form.

"Right now I am suffering from a tendon inflammation, but doctors say it's a minor problem," Van Basten said. A three-time winner of the award as

European player of the year, he has received almost the entire amount of his yearly contract -estimated at \$1.8 million - while he has been injured. Paul Gascoigne, the talented but inju-

ry-prone English player, will be sold at the end of this season with two years still left on his contract, the Rome club Lazio said. Sergio Cragnotti, the Italian industrialist-financier who owns the first division club, said Lazio was considering several bids and that a deal should be wrapped up in a few weeks. Gascoigne himself came close to tears-

Saturday as he read a statement in Italian to Italian media in which he said, "I don't know if I'll play in Italy, Scotland, England or with the national team next year. I

land or with the national team next year. I don't know if I'll play again. Maybe I won't play any longer."

Cragnotti, indicating the Gascagne is likely to join a British team, said. Panlmust find himself as a man and as a player, and can do it only by returning home.

Chelsea, Aston Villa, Gasgow Rangers and Leeds are known to have made bids of as much as \$7.2 million for Gascogne.

Van Basten Gets South Africa's 90-Kilometer Race for Camaraderie and Hope



President Nelson Mandela and the women's winner, Maria Bak of Germany.

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By Ian Thomsen

DURBAN, South Africa - The white man had run 50 miles through the green valleys of South Africa. He was a panting. wobbly wreck. The white-sand beaches and exclusive resort hotels of Durban lay iust ahead, but first he would bave to pound along the freeway overlooking the shanty houses of dismantled crates and green vinyl roofs, with their African residents lining the roads in waiting for him.

The police on their motorbikes bad to clear a path for him, to protect him from the masses. He found himself running faster among them. This was because the Indians, the Africans, they all acted as if they wanted to . . . bug him. From behind it was hard to all they were shouring, but he could bear most of the words.

"They were calling my name." he said. "It was such a boost for me."

That was how Shaun Meiklejohn, a 33year-old former manager of a sporting goods store, won the biggest and most be-loved race in South Africa—the 90-kilometer Comrades Marathon, which is longer than two normal marathons. He won it Saturday in 5 hours, 34 minutes, 2 seconds.

It began at 6 A.M. with more than 13,000 runners, representing all of South Africa's races, standing in the dark and cold, a half-moon directly overhead and mynah birds squawking madly in the trees along the floodlit starting line. From Piebome town, the runners stumbled and flowed down into the husb southeast coastline, finishing, those who did, in the heavy heat of this resort city on the Indian Ocean. Next year, as always, the race will

change direction. The 90 kilometers will be run inland and uphill, to a height of 824 meters above sea level.

Meiklejohn, who quit his job last year to devote himself to winning this race, got \$12,500 for doing so the first year prize money has been awarded, and for that be was done before noon. Thousands more would struggle to the finish within the 11hour deadline of 5 P.M. By then it had become a challenge of comraderie. Two white men could be seen carrying a black man across the finish line just before the gun signaling the deadline went off. There were many such scenes.

The Comrades Marathon was founded in 1921 by 34 veterans of World War I who decided to run the 90 kilometers to Durban in honor of comrades who never made it home. No one imagined then that the definition of "comrades" would change so radically, bearing such hope. Men of color had been running the course decades before the great war, carrying newspapers to Durban; they probably had been responsible for building the road. But they wouldn't be permitted to enter the race officially for more than 50 years.

"We ran by ourselves behind them," said Victor Mthembu, 43, an African who ran his first Comrades, unofficially, in 1968. "At that time we were scared to maybe go in front of someone. You had to get someone to bring you forward, to say it's all right for you to run with them or in front of them. If not, maybe then the police might pull you off, say you were doing something wrong,"

Only after South Africa was excluded from the Olympics in 1964, leading to a worldwide boycott in all sports, did the Comrades become the country's top sporting event. One million people were estimated to be lining the course, with another 3 million watching the 11 hours of live TV

"It was because of apartheid," said Linda Barron, the marathon's executive direc-"The Comrades thrived in the isolation period because it was the one rallying point for the entire nation. It was the first sporting event that said it will be multiracial.

The government was coerced into recognize the Comrades as an "international" event in 1975, allowing for runners of color. Women were also invited to run for the first time.

"The thing that was ghastly that year was that black runners were required to be identified by their ethnicity," Barron said, "Zulus had to run with Zulus and so on. The irony was that they ran out of the various ethnic minority stickers and ended (AP, Reuters) up saying, 'You, you'll be a Zulu today,'

just mixing them up left and right. After that they never tried that system again."

Only two Africans have won the race, the breakthrough made by Sam Shabalala in 1989; before he could defend his title, a car accident left him in a coma for several weeks, and donations arrived from throughout the country. On Saturday, he finished the 90 kilometers, though out of contention. The other African champion, Jetman Msutu, was awarded the title in 1992 after the first man across the finish line was disqualified for taking an illegal cold medicine.

Though Africans dominate the other distance races bere, they lack the resources to assert themselves in the Comrades, which has been rated among the world's top 10 races by Runner's World magazine. The end of the international boycott has seen the arrival of dominant foreign runners: Alberto Salazar of the United States won it last year, and the victory Saturday in the women's race by Maria Bak of Germany was lauded by President Nelson Mandela as a sign of South Africa's increasing role in world sport.

For native runners like Mthembu, the 90 kilometers is a mere expression of daily hardship. He rode the train all day Thursday from Johannesburg and slept that night in the train station. He and several friends planned to sleep Friday night as best they could in a public park before taking a bus Saturday morning to the start line. "There are a lot of people doing that, trying to sleep in the parks before the race," he said.

After running 90 kilometers on two nights of bad sleep, be said, "I will swim in the ocean and use the shower on the beach. Then I will go to the train station and wait for the 9 o'clock train overnight to Johannesburg.

He described this without complaining about it. His country is facing enormous problems, but for this one day it gathered itself to conquer an impossible distance. While most of the great marathons are generally urban, winding through the man-made corridors of Boston or New York, this one roams for hours along a rolling countryside of intimidating beauty. Every hill climbed reveals three more hills in the distance. The people lining the course are a steady mixture of color, mostly cheering for everybody, and no runner has the energy to object to their presence. In fact, every runner needs them.

"It's a great leveler," said Athol Dand, a white systems manager from Durban running his 16th Comrades. "It reduces you to your basic elements. If you come in full of nonsense, you get tid of it quick in this

Then, as if to prove his point, he collapsed. "I need an intravenous drip," he told a volunteer as the stretcher came. "I need one every time I run here."

Krabbe Gives

BERLIN - Just three days after a Munich regional court overturned her drug ban, sprinter Katrin Krabbe gave birth to a boy

Birth to Boy

Saturday.

She and her husband, the lawyer Michael Zimmer-man, named the child Bru-

Krabbe tested positive for clenbuterol in 1992 and has fought the ban ever

The court ordered that Krabbe, a sought-after model in Germany before the suspension, be paid damages for the loss of income she suffered. Reportedly, that could amount to \$2.7 million.

The IAAF has said it will

Athens Gets World Championships

GOTHENBURG. Sweden - Athens was chosen Sunday to host the 1997 world outdoor championships for athletics.

The 23-member Council of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, on the first day of a three-day meeting, picked the Greek capital ahead of Ma-drid, Helsinki, New Delhi and Stanford, California.

Athens will replace Mexico City, which withdrew as host earlier this year because of the country's financial problems.

Madrid was considered the favorite going in, primarily be-cause of its new Community of Madrid track stadium and other facilities. It had been felt the IAAF would be reluctant to have Athens host both the indoor and outdoor world championships in the same year.

Earlier, John Ngngi of Kenya, the five-time world cross country champion banned for tance runners fared so poorly in

four years for refusing to take a last week's national trials that drug test, gained early reinthey failed to qualify for the statement from the council. In a unanimous decision, the den, the official Xinhua News Agency reported from Taiyuan. The one who did qualify,

council said the 33-year-old runner had "suffered enough." It agreed that Ngugi had been the victim of circumstance and placed part of the blame on the Kenyan federation for not keeping the runner informed about doping procedures.

Ngugi, who also won the 1988 Olympic 5,000-meter gold, was suspended after he turned away an IAAF sampling officer at his farm in Kenya on Feb. 13, 1993. Ngugi, who speaks little English, claimed the British officer did not identify himself properly.

Seven days later, Ngugi submitted to a test in the presence of Kenyan officials. The results were negative.

• All but one of China's world champion women dis-

earlier this year, saying he was too harsh. They have been training by themselves. Xinhua described their times

World Championships in Swe-

world women's 10,000-meter

champion Wang Junxia, won

the 5,000-meter race on Thurs-

day, but in a slow time, then

pulled out of the 10,000-meter

final on Saturday with an injury

Liu Dong the world 1,500-

meter champion in Germany

two years ago, finished 16th in

Wang and the other members of the once-formidable "Ma's

Army team of distance run-

ners left its coach, Ma Junren,

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Grotesquerie in a Separate Box

By William Safire

ASHINGTON — Speak-Washing ton — Spanish is all boxes Metaphorically, every day is list of current corporate catch Boxing Day to Newt. (In phrases assembled in the Nov. Britain, the first weekday after 4, 1994, Management maga-Christmas is called Boxing zine, thinking out of the box can Day, after the tradition of giv- be defined as "creating new ing boxes of gifts to servants and public employees.)

'Medicare will be put in a separate box," he recently told a group of elders called the Seniors Coalition, a conservative processes, insuring a rhyme.) part of what is derogated as the Geezer Lobby.

That's one sense of the Gingrich box: a device to separate and protect. Earlier this year, he was using the box in another sense, more creatively, as his central idea-packaging device:
"Speaker Newt Gingrich,

fond as ever of futuristic management consultant-speak," wrote the Washington Post columnist E.J. Dionne Jr., "addressed the Ways and Means Committee last week on the importance of 'thinking outside the dots. This maxim is also often rendered as 'thinking outside the box.' The idea is to encourage people to junk their

The dots and the box are related. A brain teaser used in could lead to wholesale delay-1984 by Development Dimen- ering. sions International, management consultants, showed eight dots forming a square, or box. with a dot in the middle.

"Without lifting your pencil from the paper," the teaser "join all the dots with only four straight lines." To connect the dots."

wrote DDI's Nancy Hrynkiw to tool. There is no grotesquerie, Anne Soukhanov, an inquiring lexicographer, "you must go outside the nine dots, but most people automatically think that they have to stay within the nine

Thus, thinking outside the

dots or outside the box, grotesque and offensive." explains, means

Hrvnkiw thinking about a problem without the constraints that 'how things are now' someup in boxes, times imposes." According to a litical vocabulary. processes, not just refining old

> "However, challenging your bosses processes is risky." (I would write that as bosses's This sort of iconoclastic cresical and extravagant. The Century Dictionary added "absurdly bold; often ativity in solution-seeking, also called whot-if thinking, is the second sense of the Gingrich

box. A third means "disciplined": when the speaker temporarily departed from the 10 points in his Contract With America, raising the issue of school prayer early this year, he quickly realized it to be a mistake and chided himself for going outside the box.

In this sense, a box is a plan. sometimes described as a core message: to go outside the box is to slop over, to lose focus. There is a seeming contradic-tion here: to think outside the box is laudable, but 10 go outside the box invites censure, and

"They will do anything to op us," the irate speaker said stop us. to the Republican National Committee in January, referring to Democrats in the aftermath of Republican election victories. "They will use any no distortion, no dishonesty too

Months later, when a reporter suggested a link between criticism of the government and the Oklahoma bombing, Gingrich stayed in the box: "I think that's

Both the adjective grotesque and its noun (grosesquerie, the French form, preferred by Gingrich to grotesqueness) spring readily to the speaker's lips, and its popularization is a fine contribution to the American po-

It begins in a cave. From the Latin crypto for "crypt, cavern," we get to the Italian grotformulas." The magazine adds: 10: the drawings on the walls were grotesco, in French grotesque. Archaeologists revealing the grotto work found the art wildly formed, whim-

> used in a sense of condemnation or depreciation," and cited this line in John Milton's 'Paradise Lost" in 1667: "A steep wilderness, whose hairy sides/ With thicket overgrown. grotesque and wild./ Access de-(Funny that occess denied

comes from Milton; it's an infuriating phrase that appears at the top of my computer screen when I try to call up a file and forget my code name. You of-ten get wonderful stuff like this in the Century Dictionary, a 10volume set published in 1897. From a description of the

wild and woolly paintings on the cave walls, it was a short jump to "fantastic, antic, com-ically distorted," and then to "ugly, deformed, misshapen, altogether twisted' and

Because the word begins with the sound of a growl, it should have a greater appeal to orators than bizarre, a popular synonym that has a connotation of nuttiness; the connotation of grotesque is "extremely distorted and ugly."

In Britain, the slang term

grotty - usually followed by the sound of "yecch!" - may be derived from grotesque. New York Times Service

Rocking the Socks Off the Harmonica

By Mike Zwerin International Herald Tribune

PARIS — Growing up in Harlem, James Whiting bought a harmonica because he could not afford a sax-ophone. "This James Whiting stuff isn't going to cut it," his blues brother Slim Butler said, after they'd been working the streets for awhile. "How about something like Harmonica Sam?" Watching him pour three sugars in a cup of coffee in the Gaslight Café, the light went on and he said:

"We'll call you Sugar Blue."
Although "Sugar Blue, who plies his tunes in Greenwich Village, may be the best itinerant musician in New York." was written in Time magazine under the headline "Street Entertainment," it wasn't much of a living. Pedestrians threw beer bottles at him and Washboard Doc on McDougal Street. Late one night in the Village Gate, Memphis Slim, who was to become a kind of mentor for Sugar, sold him on moving to Paris. The blues were being good to Slim over here, he was driving a Rolls-

Last week, when Sugar gave his first concert in Paris in 11 years at the New Morning, it was an important date for him. He felt at home. His wife Michèle is French and when they landed, their four-year-old daughter Sarah said: "Daddy, parle françuis, on est en France maintenant." "If it hadn't been for France." Sugar recalled, "I'd have probably spent most of my life in

When he landed here for the first time in 1977, he was - his words - "a wild child, out of my mind, very lost." He had recently been discharged from the army and had buried both his parents. But he fondly remembers the friendly passengers going through the Odéon Métro station as he "counted centimes and dodged flics." He could make more than \$100 in an afternoon down there (he turned down club dates, they paid

It became an underground event, the press picked up on it. Harmonica virtuoso Toots Thielemans encouraged him to learn the difficult chromatic harmonica (like Stevie Wonder plays). Sugar jammed with Dexter Gordon. for three years with the legendary com-Mick Jagger heard about him through a poser Willie Dixon ("Little Red Roost-nails."



Sugar Blue: He's come a long way from playing in the Paris Métro.

film producer called Cubby Broccoli er"). An album he made with Dixon and Sugar ended up on three tracks of "Some Girls," an album the Rolling uation as a troublemaker got worse. Stones were recording here. It had been a positive four years, although word

spread that he was a hot-head. Having talked him over here, Memphis Slim now advised him to move back. "Go to Chicago and learn about the blues," he said. "You're a good harmonica player, but you don't know anything about the blues." That, Sugar said, "rocked my socks."

There was not much fire in Chicago. tourists, who were coming for the blues like to New Orleans for jazz. Sugar had help from his friends. He worked with Lafayette Leake and Little Walter and

utation as a troublemaker got worse.
"It's true," he admits. "I had a bit of a drug problem at the time. My eyes were usually as big as two half-dollars. But people believe what they want to believe and club owners were ripping me off right and left and I wouldn't stand for being stiffed." You can see his blood pressure rise just recalling it: "One night, man, I guess I was good and lit, the owner of the Polish Pizza Parlor and Blues Joint -- you believe The local players figured all they had to that name? — a little fat guy, was do was lay back and be ethnic for the telling me 'here's a thousand bucks, we'll mail you a check for the balance." I had promised my guys they'd be paid to push for motivation. He got a little and I needed all the money to get to the next gig." Trying hard to look calm, he leaned back, pulled out his switchblade

When he married Michèle and they had Sarah, he "began having another kind of fun, like nucking my daughter in bed at night." Even a 10-year-old Stones credit is big with white rock bands; he recorded with the Waterboys and the Fish. Making Pillsbury commercials paid the rent and he watched the quality of life deteriorate around

He saw the growth of "a great racist monster hiding euphemistically not too far under the surface of 'Family Val-"He had a Japanese guitar player and a white drummer and even though they were always 'presentable and non-threatening, restaurants in states like Wyoming and North Dakota refused to serve the band. He had thought that was a Southern problem and that Billie Holiday had already fought the good fight and won it.

On the music scene itself, competition was cutthroat, everybody against everybody, people digging in to defend their territory. Black guys wouldn't play with white guys and vice versa. And there was this strange son of reverse snobbism where if you didn't drink and smoke, that made you some. how a better musician. Not that cigarenes and whiskey are necessary to make good music, but one way or another there sure seemed to be a lot of

upright people around.

The Whitings purchased a two-story The whitings purchased a two-story brick house with a basement and a lawn in a neighborhood with blacks, Latinos, Ukrainians and Poles living more or less peacefully side-by-side not far from Wrigley Field. There was a crack house down the street and a girl was shot coming home from class in broad daylight just around the corner. Does he want to send his daughter to school in a war zone? He wrote a song called "Bottom Line" with the lines: "You walk on these streets with blood on your hands / The neighborhood feels like Little Rock or Vietnam."

It may be time to get out of Dodge City again. Even though he's 45, he's still considered one of the "younger generation" of blues musicians. There's still time. And as Little Walter told him: "You got to look out for Chicago. It's like a hungry dog eating its tail. By the time he's finished his meal he's up to his neck."

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An Eccentric Publisher Snares Nobel Winners

By Mary B.W. Tabor New York Times Service

NEW YORK -- As Kenzaburo Oe, winner of the 1994 Nobel Prize in Literature, puttered in and out of bookstores and receptions in New York and Boston recently, on tour with his novel "Nip the Buds, Shoot the Kids," his main escort was not one of the powerhouse British or American publishers who usually claim Nobel winners.

petite, older woman with thick dark eyebrows, a brunette bob and a British accent, whose publishing ventures have been as unconventional as she is. Nonetheless, Marion Boyars Publishing puts out about 25 books a year, including works by Oe and three other Nobel laureages. In the case of Oe, in the 1960s and '70s several publishers, including Grove Press, M.E. Sharpe and Kodansha, published his works in En-

glish, but the books sold only moderately. So early last year, Boyars was not sur-prised to find herself the lone suitor for the English-language rights to "Nip the Buds." the story of Japanese reformatory boys at the end of a war, and "Hiroshima Notes," Oe's statement on the Hiroshima bomb. Ten months later. Oe won the Nobel, all but guaranteeing commercial suc-

"No one was buying Oe at the time, because he wasn't going to be a best seller," Instead, the soft-spoken and graying Oe Boyars said during an interview in Manwas accompanied by Marion Boyars, a hattan. "It was sheer chance, just sheer chance. We weren't thinking in terms of and translations are often her gems. Nobel. We bought it because we liked it. Most of my publishing is out of entha-

> It clearly isn't out of fiscal prudence. Her first Oe book, for example, "Teach Us to Outgrow Our Madness" (1978), sold a mere 500 copies, failing to earn back its modest advance. Still, she eagerly bought two more. (Blue Moon Books is publishing two Oe of work to survive."

books in translation, "Seventeen" and "J," this fall.)

An average print run for Marion Boyan Publishing is 3,000 copies. (John Gr isham's first print run for "The Rainmaker" was 2.8 million.) And competing for British or American authors is usually un-realistic. "The moment I try to compete" the bigger publishers always have more she moans.

Unlike many American publishers, who bridle at pursuing foreign authors in translation, Boyars, who speaks French and German, says that the overlooked books

Morgan Entrekin, president and publisher of Grove/Atlantic, the parent of Grove Press, said: "Marion is the last of a dying breed of eccentric, entrepreneurial, idiosyneratic publishers who publishes her passions. I have a lot of respect for her that she has hung in there for so long. It is very hard for a publishing program built entirely of this kind



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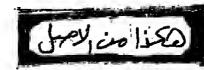
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Indians Sweep Up « Red Sox, 12-10

Carlos Baerga and Paul Sorrento each homered twice, as the Cleveland Indians rallied against Boston's bullpen for the lowed with a sacrifice fly that third consecutive game Sunday drove in the tie-breaking run. for a 12-10 victory.

The Indians trailed 9-6 before tying it in the eighth on Sorrento's second bome run of the game, then won it in the ninth when Baerga led off with a double and scored on Jim

The loss spoiled a nice debut for former replacement player

AL ROUNDUP

Ron Mahay, who had two hits and made a great catch in the ninth that kept Baerga from scoring — albeit temporarily.

bert Belle hit a sinking line drive to the right-center gap that Mahay reached out and caught at waist level. But Baerga scored, along with Ed-die Murray, when Manny Ra-mirez singled to make it 12-9. Mo Vaughn hit his major

league-leading 11th home run in the fourth, and Mike Greenwell and Tim Nachring also homered for Boston.

Yankees 5, Orioles 0: Sterling Hitchcock pitched a fourhitter for the first shutout of his career, as New York beat Baltimore, Hitchcock struck out a career-high eight and walked one to win his second straight

Rafael Palmeiro singled twice straight game, tying a team refor the visiting Orioles. Cal Ripafter Palmeiro's single in the a road victory for Seattle fourth, but Chris Hoiles flied out

to end the iming. Randy Velarde's first homer run fifth against Ben MeDonald. McDonald, winless in his first five starts, allowed five

Mariners 5, Twins 2: Uobeaten Randy Johnsoo struck out 10 without walking a batter, and Seattle held off Minnesota. Johnson gave up two runs on

five hits in eight innings. He has a 1.21 ERA and leads the maiors with 49 strikeouts. Minnesota's Marty Cordova rad his string of consecutive

games with a home run stopped at five, three short of the major league record. Cordova struck out twice and was hit hy a pitch. Cordova's five-game streak cord. The string also matched a

team mark set by Harmoo Killebrew in 1970. Minnesota tied the game in the third on a leadoff double by David McCarty and a single by Jeff Rehoulet. But Johnson retired nine consecutive batters

after that to take control. The Twins elosed to 3-2 in the seventh on Pedro Munoz's leadoff home run.

Tigers 2, Blue Jays 1: Detroit. held without a hit for five innings by Al Leiter, scored two runs off reliever Danny Cox with the help of three pinch-hitters to

defeat visiting Toronto. Despite having a no-hitter in progress. Leiter was pulled in favor of Cox after five innings. Leiter had thrown 93 pitches and walked six.

Juan Samuel led off the seventh with a single, stole second and, after a walk to pinch-hitter Franklin Stuhhs, moved to third on a fly-out by pinch-hit-

All-Star Game La Assured

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - The players have agreed to take part in this summer's All-Star game after the teams' owners settled an unfair labor practice complaint stemming from their not making a \$7.8 million benefits payment last summer.

As part of Friday's agreement, owners said they will make an \$8.2 million payment to the benefits plan no later than June 1. They agreed to make the \$7.8 million payment for this summer's game on Aug.

As a result of the agreement, the National Labor Relations Board withdrew the unfair labor practice complaint it filed Dec. 14. The owners' trial oo the more extensive complaint of attempting to eliminate free agent bidding and salary arbitration was pushed back from Monday to Juoe 19.

"Both sides are now moving in a more positive direction. the acting commissioner, Bud Selig, said io a statement.

"Bud and I are going to talk the first of week," said Donald Fehr, the head of the players' union. "You have to resolve things piece by piece after a dispute like this. I feel pretty good about it. We ought to. hopefully, use this as a stepping

third pinch-hitter, Lou Whitaker, drove in Samuel with a double and Chad Curtis fol-In games played Saturday:

Indians 7, Red Sox 5: Albert Belle and Jim Thome homered as the Indians scored four runs in the eighth inning to beat Bos-

Tigers 10, Blue Jays 6: Kirk Gibson and Chris Gomez each hit two-run singles to highlight a seven-run seventh inning as Detroit defeated Toronto.

Yankees 7, Orioles 2: In New York, Mike Stanley and Danny Tartahull each doubled in two runs in a five-run third and New York defeated Baltimore. Angels 7, White Sox 5:

With Baerga on second, Al- Pinch-hitter Carlos Martinez singled home the go-ahead run off Rob Dibble, who was promoted from the minors on Monday, with two outs in the 10th inning and visiting California beat Chicago.

Rangers 7, Brewers 6: In Arlington, Texas, Mickey Tettleton's two-out single in the 11th inning scored Otis Nixon from second base, lifting Texas over Milwankee.

Athletics 11, Royals 1: Todd Stottlemyre retired 22 consecutive batters and tied a career high with 10 strikeouts, leading Oakland over Kansas City,

playing at home.

Mariners 10, Twins 6: The art. Minnesota rookie Marty Cor-Jeff Manto doubled twice and dova homered in his fifth cord, but Jay Buhner hit two

runs and 10 hits in 5% innings. by defeating the visiting New York Mets, 5-3, Sunday.

> lift the Phillies. Mimbs, who lasted only 2% innings and walked five in his previous start, allowed six hits while striking out a career-high seven and walking oone. Heathcliff Slocumh pitched the ninth for his 11th save.

Bobby Jones, who came into the game with a league-low 1.82 ERA, gave up four runs in the

Lenny Dykstra led off with a single, stole second, went to third on Kelly Stinnett's throwing error and scored on Mickey Morandini's single. Greg Jef-fries singled Morandini to sec-ond, Darren Daulton doubled in a run and Hayes followed

The Mets made it 4-2 in the fifth when Chris Jones singled and scored on Stinnett's second

liner bounce off his glove for an error that allowed Daulton to score from second.

The Phillies have won seven of nine and 14 of their last 17

Braves 5, Marlins 1: John Smoltz and Mark Wohlers combined on a two-hitter, and David Justice and Chipper Jones each drove in two runs as Atlanta, playing at home, completed a three-game sweep of Florida.

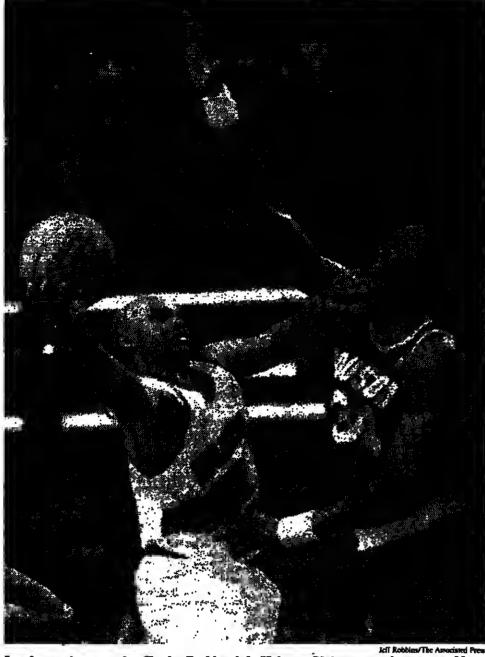
It was the fourth consecutive

Smoltz walked two aod

Wohlers pitched the ninth. The Braves added an insur-

The Braves jumped on an unusually wild John Burkett for two runs in the first. Atlanta loaded the bases on a single by Mike Kelly and walks to Jeff Blauser and Jones. After Fred McGriff lined out to second, Justice hit a two-run double into the right-field corner.

Atlanta chased Burkett with two more runs in the fourth. Mark Lemke doubled and Smoltz walked, with both runners advancing on Kelly's sacrifice. After Blauser grounded out to third, Jones hit a two-run single to center.



ken drew Hitchcock's only walk homers and drove in five runs in In a frustrating game for Charles Barkley, left, Hakeem Olajuwon was just one problem.

Randy Velarde's first homer of the season sparked a threeof the season sparked a three-

The Philadelphia Phillies improved their record - the best in the major leagues - to 17-6 NL ROUNDUP

Michael Mimbs, a rookie, pitched six strong innings and Charlie Hayes had two RBIs to

with a two-run single.

home run of the season. In the sixth, Bobby Bonilla's sacrifice fly narrowed the defi-cit to 4-3, but the Phillies scored again in the eighth when Jones, the right fielder, let a slicing

victory for the Braves, who have beaten the Marlins eight in a row. Florida lost for the 12th time in 14 games, including five straight.

Smoltz lost his bid for a nohitter with one out in the sixth inning when Quilvio Veras douhled to the alley in left-center and then scored on Jerry Browne's single.

fanned seven before being lifted for a pinch-hitter in the eighth. He retired the first 13 batters in order before walking Greg Colbrunn with one out in the fifth.

ance run in the eighth when Javier Lopez hit his fifth homer of the season.

In games played Saturday: Phillies 10, Mets 8: Kevin

Stocker drove in a career-high drove in three runs for San Diefour runs and Mickey Moran-

dini hit a three-run homer as

Philadelphia held off New York. The Phillies, playing at home, won for the 13th time in 16 games.

Padres 9, Pirates 6: Bip Roberts hit a grand slam with two outs in the hottom of the ninth inning, rallying San Diego past visiting Pittsburgh. The Padres collected five runs in the ninth. Tony Gwynn also homered and

Cobs 7, Dodgers 1: In Los Angeles, Mark Grace homered and drove in three runs as Jim Bullinger and Chicago sent Los Angeles to its fifth straight loss.

Reds 10, Rockies 9: Ron Gant, who drove in five runs, hit a game-winning single with two outs in the 40th inning, as host Cincinnati outlasted Colorado.

Braves 8, Marlins 7: Chipper Jones, a rookie, hit a one-out homer in the ninth inning, giving Atlanta a victory at home over Florida.

Astros 2, Expos 1: Dave Ma-gadan, a pinch-hitter, drew a bases-loaded walk from Montreal reliever Jeff Shaw with one

out in the 10th inning, giving Houston a victory over the visiting Expos.

Giants 10, Cardinals 7: Royce Clayton broke out of a 1-for-16 slump with a three-run double in the eighth, giving San Francisco, with seven unearned runs, a wild victory over St. Louis. Clayton, who came to the plate batting .190, cleared the bases with a shot to the gap in left-center off Rene Arocha.

Rockets Eliminate Suns, And for Barkley, That's It

By Tom Friend New York Times Service

PHOENIX - The Houston Rockets are on their ninth life, and Charles Barkley is about to

A long 3-point shot from their most obscure guard put the Rockets in the victory lane Saturday, with a 115-114 victory. and it also may have nudged one of basketball's most irascible players out the door.

His left knee creaks, his outside shot is flat, and his Phoenix Suns revolve around somebody else, so Barkley announced later that his retirement is imminent. He has said all of this before nnually, in fact - but this time he went so far as to call a postgame meeting to tell his teammates they can have his locker.

"I'm not saying this is 100 percent done, but I'll say more than likely I have played my last game," said Barkley, 32. "It's just, it's time. It's time. I can't see my skills getting better; 1 can only see them getting worse."

For this game, the point guard Kevin Johnson borrowed the Suns from Barkley, scored 46 points, but watched in horror as the Rockets pulled off another great escape to win in the seventh and final game of this

Western Conference semifinal. Mario Elie stole the series by draining a 3-point corner shot with 7.1 seconds remaining.

"I told him he's a wicked man," the Houston center, Hakeem Olajuwon, said of Elie.

It turned a 110-110 tie into a 13-110 lead for the Rockets, and, after a Ping-Pong game of free throws, Danny Ainge's half-court heave at the buzzer - to win it for Phoenix -found only backboard.

So, the Rockets, the defending National Basketball Association champions, once again rose from their deathbed. They have now turned the Western Conference finals into the Texas state championship. Starting Monday, it is the Rockets versus the San Antonio Spurs and may the best center win.

· Olajuwon was that center on Saturday, scoring 16 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter, after serving as an assistant coach in the third.

Not many clubs are as resilient as Houston. Two different

play, and two others — the budge. sharpshooter Vernon Maxwell, power forward Cari Herrera. who has a shoulder surgery

were watching back home. "We could've given up a lot of times," the Rockets' guard Kenny Smith said.

could've given up today." Instead, they defeated a team that had led this series, 3-1, and a player - A. C. Green - who had guaranteed victory after

"Well I have no words today," Green said. "It didn't

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happen. I've never experienced it before, so now I have something to describe in my next

Speaking of books, the Rockets will be inscribed in the league's history journal.

They became only the fifth team to overcome a 3-to-1 game deficit and the first since the 1982' Sixers, who won in Boston, to win a seventh game on

"Best team won," said Johnson, the Phoenix point guard. "We didn't deserve it. What's the excuse now? There is none, not when a team beats you three in a row, including twice at

home. Phoenix's halftime lead was 51-41, but Barkley had left the second quarter prematurely with a sore knee and reportedly

took two shots of painkiller, He had started swiftly, with 8 points and 7 rebounds in the first quarter, but, in the second half, the most peculiar discussion occurred: Coach Paul Westphal told Ainge to tell Barkley that Johnson would be clearing out and going one-toone against Smith on every pos-SESSION.

Barkley rolled his eyes, but middle age was obviously setting in.

The third quarter was actually sailing along nicely — the Suns were leading, 68-59, with Olainwon on the bench with 5 minutes, 25 seconds remaining - when Drexler, who finished with 29 points - awoke.

A 22-11 surge by Houston the remainder of the quarter re-

Drexler and Sam Cassell, have and Coach Rudy Tomjanovich needed I.V. treatment just to not once asked Olajuwon to

"It gave me hope for the on a leave of absence, and the fourth quarter." Olajuwon said. "They'd taken us this far, and hopefully I could finish it."

Which Olajuwon did, scoring on fade-aways and layups until the Suns had no choice but to triple-team him in the final two

With 45 seconds left, Smith made two free throws to elevate Houston to a 110-109 lead, hut Phoenix's Johnson was kneed and fouled after rebounding a Dan Majerle miss. He made the first foul shot with 21.6 seconds left, his 21st in a row, but

missed the second. Houston called time ont with 20.4 seconds left, and, Phoenix

was trapped at midcourt. That left it to Elie wide open in the corner. Danny Schayes was the closest defender, guarding Olajuwon: "It was either give up the jumper or let Ha-keem have a dunk," Schayes said, and so he let Élie airmail

"I've hit bigger shots," Elie said, but added: "Nah, just kid-

ding."
Barkley limped off, having scored 18 and grabbed 23 rebounds, and he spit on the floor one last time. He could run for governor of Alabama - "But people tell me I have too many skeletons in my closet" --- or more likely will be hired into a broadcast booth.

"Let me tell you all this, and I mean this sincerely," he said. "I have been talking to all my family and friends all season about retiring. Last season, my heart wasn't in it. 1 didn't want to retire last year. All it took was some people prodding me to talk me into it. This year is a totally different scenario.

"I think the league is up and coming. I mean, really up and coming. These young boys are really, really tough. And I don't know if I really want to play against really 25-, 26-, 27-yearolds every night. I don't want to, and don't need to do that

He said he expected to make a final decision after visiting with the team's owner, Jerry Colangelo, who didn't think he could talk Barkley out of it. But that meeting would oot occur on Saturday night.

"Because I'm drinking to-

Ewing Keeps His Word: Knicks Get Game 7 With Pacers

Game 7 on Sunday, and he made sure there was one. In his best game of the series with Indiana, Ewing had 25 points and 15 rebounds Friday night in the New York Knicks

for a deciding game in the Eastern Conference semifinals. Ewing, who woo Game 5 for the Knicks with a shot with 1.8 seconds to play, had a key basket and rebound in the final two minutes to hold off a furious

comeback by the Pacers. "I'm a great player," he said, "and I want to prove that." Oo Sooday, he has the chance. The winner will advance to play the Orlando Magic, which eliminated Chicago on Thursday night to win that se-

Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals will be played Tuesday in Orlando. Before the game, Ewing had

with different horses.

1973 and Tank's Prospect in 1985.

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Timber Country Triumphs,

Thunder Gulch Runs Third

Los Angeles Times Service

hausted all of his trainer's excuses, won the 120th running of

the Preakness on Saturday, sending Wayne Lukas to the top of several pages in the Triple Crown record book.

Aggressively ridden by Pat Day, who was criticized hy

Lukas and others for his laid-back ride to third place in the

Kentucky Derby, Timber Country blew past his stablemate, the Derby winner Thunder Guleh, in mid-stretch and then

Oliver's Twist, vanned to Pimlico from his trainer Billy

Boniface's Maryland farm several hours before the race, was a

By winning the Derby with Thunder Gulch and the Preak-

ness with Timber Country, Lukas became the fourth trainer,

and the first since Humming Bob Smith in 1934, to win the

first two legs of the Triple Crown in the same year with

different horses. Lukas indicated that Timber Country and

Thunder Gulch will both run in the Belmont on June 10, when

he could become the first trainer to sweep the Triple Crown

On a fast track, Timber Country ran 1 3/16 miles in 1:54

2/5, a second slower than the record shared by Secretariat in

Thunder Guich finished four lengths ahead of Star Stan-

dard, the fourth-place finisher, who was followed across the wire by Mecke, Talkin Man, Our Gatsby, Mystery Storm,

25-1 shot who finished a neck in front of Thunder Gulch.

held off longshot Oliver's Twist for a half-length victory.

BALTIMORE - Tunber Country, the colt who had ex-

Ewing said there would be a ais, when the Knicks won Game 6 in Indiana to send the series back to New York.

Game 7 last year in the conference finals, had lost what was 92-82 victory, forcing the Pacers
back to Madison Square Garden
"We put ourselves in "We put ourselves in this po-

said Indiana's coach, Larry Brown, whose team shot 35 percent. "We can't play like this and get it done Sunday." After a 13-point third quarter that left them down by 13, the Pacers came roaring back to cut

two free throws hy Reggie Miller with 5:32 left. But they couldn't get any closer. Miller didn't get his first field goal until the fourth quarter, when his 3-pointer with 9:46 to

New York's lead to three on

play trimmed the lead to 72-63. We had Reggie in control," said the Knicks' coach, Pat Riley. "You knew that somehow they were going to make a run. told reporters, "See you Sun- We held on and made a run of

the Pacers got within three, he committed two turnovers, Rik Now they had come back Smits was called for an offen-again, and the Pacers, who lost sive foul, and New York pumped the lead back up to eight on Ewing's book shot with

1:50 left. Ewing got a big rebound af-ter Derrick McKey missed an open jumper. Byron Scott missed a long jumper, and the Pacers ran out of time. Ewing had 15 first-half points

and made rine of 13 shots from the field. He looked healthier and stronger than he had earlier in the series, when a calf injury hampered his mobility. Miller finished with 18 points and Smits had 21, but once again, the Indiana center wasn't

tor early in the contest. "Rik had it going in the first quarter and beginning of the third quarter." Miller said. ont in the second quarter.

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period. And Miller wasn't a fac-

Chased around the court by John Starks, Miller missed all four of his shots in the first half and had just two points.

first two shots. His teammates were just as cold, and the Knicks put together a 14-2 run, building a 63-53 lead with 5:19 left in the period.

came back in the fourth quar-With the loss, the Pacers found themselves in the same osition as last year, when they had a 3-2 lead over New York in the Eastern Conference final

series at home. And lost, 98-91. But, there were some cracks showing on the winners' side, too. Anthony Mason and Charles Smith, New York teammates, clashed during a time-

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The Associated Press day," forestelling a repeat of last our own. We weathered the "Tvc got to take 20-plus shots for this team to win. 1 can't ed near the Knicks' bench, Manounced ready to play after son criticized Smith's execution doctors examined the injured

Miller didn't start the third. Gundy, went to talk to him, but quarter any better, missing his

Indiana's 3-of-16 shooting in the quarter silenced the home crowd. But only until the Pacers

with a chance to close out the

Mason spent the next two minutes scated at the end of the bench before Riley reinserted him into the lineup. Smith and the rest of the

out the game, and did not hesitate to criticize each other when something didn't go right. "We were pretty much on each other all game long," Smith said, "We were definitely

pushing each other, being very

Forward Horace Grant, in-

strumental in the team's sec-

team played down the incident,

saying they were edgy through-

• The Orlando Magie received some encouraging news before beginning preparation for the NBA's Eastern Conference final, The Associated Press

of a defensive play. A visibly ring finger oo his left hand. angry Mason did not join the huddle. Grant strained a ligament during the third quarter of An assistant coach, Jeff Van Thursday night's series-clincher in Chicago when he dived to the

floor for a loose ball and someone stepped on his hand. • Scottie Pippen, the Chicago Bulls' All-Star forward, was charged with battery after his fiancée accused him of grabbing her and pushing her at his

home, police said Saturday. A domestic disturbance was reported at Pippen's home at 8:15 p.m. Friday, one night after the Bulls were eliminated from the NBA playoffs by the Orlando Magic.

Pippen's fiancee, Yvette Deleone, said he had grabbed her by an arm and pushed her against a vehicle, the police said. Pippen was charged with simple battery, a misdemeanor.

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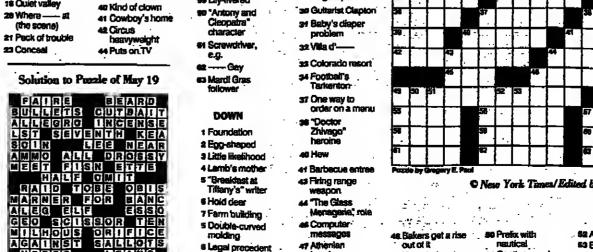
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A Sect's Attraction/In Blind Obedience Is Freedom

Young, Gifted and Lost Scientists Who Answered the Call of Aum

By Sheryl WuDunn
New York Times Service

OKYO — Koichi Ishikawa was a hrilliant, dedicated student at a top high school, passed Japan's toughest entrance exam to study medicine at Tokyo University and was destined for a

promising career. Then he joined Aum Shinrikyo, the religious sect suspected of staging the poison gas attack in the subway system that killed a dozen people and injured 5,500. Now Mr. Ishikawa, 26, is sitting in a jail cell, a suspect in various crimes committed by Aum.

In cells nearly are his Aum comrades, also graduates of Japan's equivalents of Harvard, Princeton and Yale, trained scientists who proved that they had what it takes to get

As Japan struggles to assess what went wrong with these serious, smart young people, many scholars and commentators are pointing their fingers in an unusual direction: the schools. Japan may have one of the world's most admired educational systems, hat the critics say it teaches young people to memorize instead of to think.

Young people spend so much time hunched over desks, the critics say, that they fail to develop sufficient social skills. Many of them - and they seem to be more common in Japan — resemble the stereotype of the computer nerd: brilliant, driven but utterly lost

when in human company.
"It reflects a profound crisis in the educational system," said Alfons Deeken, a long-time professor of philosophy at Sophia University in Tokyo.

"Many Japanese students are absorbing ever greater amounts of information, but they don't acquire the ability to make value judgments on basie human values, like responsibility for human life or respect for freedom of

Typically, Japanese students attend school for about 240 days a year, one-third longer than American students. In addition, many go to cram schools or after-school lessons almost as soon as they learn to read, and they test their way into classes from kindergarten

They are taking calculus when American students are struggling through geometry. and English about the same time that many Americans are learning their rules of grammar. But while many Japanese have studied English for nearly a decade by the time they reach college, very few can speak it.

ERHAPS that is indicative of the system: Students are able to absorb rules and vocabulary but often cannot use what they have learned in the

"These guys in the science division have no time to relax." said Yoichi Masuzoe, a former politics professor at Tokyo University who taught some of the Aum members but hardly remembers them. "They should have read more literature, like Shakespeare. Then they could have learned what human beings are. They lack an understanding of human na-

Takeshi Sasaki, a professor of political science at Tokyo University, was more pointed. "In this society, there isn't any organization which can train young talented people into mature personalities," he said. "The deficiency in social relations in Japan is a serious issue. Social relations are more or less being

destroyed by the examination-centered life. Scholars, of course, do not hlame Japan's educational system entirely for Aum's terrorism, and by many standards the system is a model one. Many Americans would love to have Japanese-style schools, which do an ad-mirable joh in teaching reading, writing and trigonometry. Japanese students often have some of the highest average test scores in international comparisons.

There is also no doubt that Aum's techniques in recruitment and mind control play a

more direct role in roping in its members.

But the complaint is that in turning out naïve, vulnerable students, Japan's schools leave them as open prey for a charismatic leader like Aum's guru, Shoko Asahara, 40, a

College students are often searching for explanations to life that cannot be found in their textbooks. And Mr. Asahara, with his flowing pink robes, open arms and assertions that Aum is the key to enlightenment, may appear as a fatherly savior to them.

UMIHIRO Joyu, 32, the sect's spokesman and a graduate of Wa-seda University, said to an inter-viewer recently that he joined the sect because it gave him a purpose in life.
"I wanted my life to be meaningful." he said. "I did not want my life to be meaning-

Mr. Asabara, who was arrested Tuesday in his hideout, insisted on complete obedience from his disciples. But once they proved their loyalty, they were apparently given substantial freedoms, important jobs in the organization and prestigious titles.

At least 11 of Mr. Asahara's top disciples - effectively his cahinet members - were educated in science and engineering at top universities, where experimental laboratory

hudgets are tiny and competition is fierce. Some say that Aum basically bought out these scientists. They were given enormous sums of money to pursue research projects, so long as the research advanced Aum's inter-

"It is a big jump to believe in the guru." said Akira Asada, an economics professor at Kyoto University. "But once they make the jump, they are simply given freedom and financial support to pursue maniacal pro-

Of course, the motivations for joining the cult are easier to understand than those for committing mass murder. But the very strong sense of identity with Mr. Asahara, and of loyalty to the sect rather than to society, may have helped cultivate a hlind obedience.

"I kept hesitating because I realized many people would die," Ikuo Hayashi told the police in a jail-house confession, according to the newspaper Asahi. Mr. Hayashi, a cardiac surgeon and Aum

official, is said to have confessed to taking part in the suhway atrack.

"Again and again, I tried to step what I was

about to do, hut I was unable to disobey the sect's orders," the newspaper quoted Mr. Hayashi as saying. Another example is Hideo Murai, who

graduated from Osaka University. Specializing in aerospace physics, Mr. Murai pursued research in aerospace technology for Kobe Steel before he became an Aum member. He soon won the trust of Mr. Asahara and

became the head of the sect's "scieoce and is believed to have been given an important challenge: to help organize the sarin gas attack on the Tokyo subway on March 20.

UT Mr. Murai may have doce or known too much. He once revealed that Aum had assets worth 100 bil-lion yen, or nearly \$1.2 hillion. In April he was stabbed to death by a member of

an underworld gang.

Mr. Murai's disclosure remains one of the mysteries of Aum. While Aum demanded that its 10,000 Japanese members donate all their possessions to the sect when they joined, it is still unclear how or why Aum accumulated such a large amount of money.



Mr. Joyu joined Aum Shinrikyo because "I wanted my life to be meaningful."

It has led some scholars to suspect that Mr. Asahara was intent on huilding some sort of empire. The guru's motives are unclear, hut some say he had both material and political amhitions and had set up a hierarchical struc-

ture to support those goals. "It was similar to the Nazi party and the Stalinist system in that the same kind of mass hypnotism exists," said Hirovoshi Ishikawa, a professor of social psychology at Seijo University. The young people in the group have many frustrations and are discootent with

"In this situation, the group can easily become a hig psychological apparatus, a psy-chological machine that substitutes their frustration with revolution."

Partly blind, Mr. Asahara showed a desire to be a leader while attending a school for the blind. His eyesight was apparently stronger than that of the other children and he would often strike a deal with them: he would lead them all to a restaurant if they paid for his

As a young man, Mr. Asahara appears to have been uousually amhitious - or, as people now say, obsessed with power. He told a oumber of acquaintances, for example, that he wanted to be prime minister.

In 1990 Mr. Asahara ran for Parliament and lost. Giving up on the electoral system, he sought power in other ways. His organization was growing into a mini-nation, a state within a state with cabinet members and various ministries from health and welfare to finance

and self-defense. Moreover, he had begun to amass a giant stockpile of tons of chemicals, some of which were suspected of being used to make sarin gas. Meanwhile, he was telling his followers about an imminent World War III, an Armageddoo that would strike the world but permit Aum to survive.

"Asahara is a total materialist," said Yoshiya Abe, a religion professor at Kokugakuin University. "He's interested in assuming assets and acquiring control. Power and mon-

OME scholars say Mr. Asahara staged the gas attack on the subway as a way of waging war on the Japanese gov-ernment. But it is still far from clear exactly how the sarin gas attack fit into his overall grand designs.

One theory is that having predicted Armageddon, he wanted to make it come true. Another is simply that he was obsessed by power, including the power to use toxic chemicals and see their effects.

A third theory has to do with reports that Mr. Asahara is in poor health, that he is dying of one ailment or another. So, newly reminded of his own mortality, he wanted to lead people not only in life but into death as well.

The one person who could shed the most light on this is Shoko Asahara himself, but he is oot saying much. He sits in his jail cell, exchanging small talk with the police but insisting on his innocence and refusing to enter substantive interrogation. "How could a hlind man like me commit

such a crime?" he is said to have told the police soon after his arrest. "But I don't think you will believe what I'm saying."

Lagos Drug Czar' 'Trips Up in U.S.

Envoy Fails to Be Convincing On Nigeria Dope Crackdown

By Thomas W. Lippman Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The United States has worse relations with Nigeria than with any other large regional power except Iran and there was little sign of improvement after the visit here last week of Adamu A. Mohammed, the career diplomat who recently became Ni-

geria's "drug czar."

Mr. Mohammed's mission was to convince U.S. officials that the military government headed by General Sani Abacha is serious about ending what some consider to be Nigeria's role as a heroin trafficking

He is an engaging, persuasive forcefully, but he got, at best, a cool reception, according to U.S. officials. By some accounts, he was laughed out of

"We know their pitch. Our question is, what have you done?" a State Department official said after Mr. Mohammed met with Assistant Secretary of State Robert S. Gelbard, head of the department's so-called "drugs and thugs" unit. "They

haven't shown us anything yet."
At the Drug Enforcement Administration, officials who were asked about the results of meetings with Mr. Mohammed said the situation in Nigeria is as it was in late March, when Robert J. Nieves, chief of international operations for the of \$100 million this year to light Drug Enforcement Agency, told Congress that "Nigerian traffickers are pivotal to the worldwide trafficking of heroin and cocaine and are "a ma-jor force in the U.S. drug

On Capitol Hill, where Mr. Mohammed was turned away by influential members of Congress, a longtime follower of Nigerian affairs said the Nigerians keep talking about what they're going to do."
They ask for technical assis-

tance. Well, we sent some dogs dog. It was not a career-enhancing move for someone to have those dogs go off when a cabi-uet minister's wife walked by."

ington regards as an increasing-ly dictatorial and corrupt

It has jailed opposition leaders, muzzled Nigeria's press and tolerated what the State Department calls "rampant corruption in every law enforcement body."

Nigerian officials are prohibited from visiting the United

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States unless they receive waivers, which Mr. Mohammed did. Aid is also barred because Nigeria is listed as noncooperative on drug issues, but the U.S. Agency for International De-velopment is planning to seek a waiver to provide \$11.25 mildiplomat who argues his case lion in fiscal 1996 "to slow the economic and political deterioration and prevent a catastrophe that would affect the supply of oil to the United States and Nigerian peacekeeping ef-

Nigeria is a major U.S. oil supplier and contributor to in-ternational peacekeepiog

Mr. Mohammed said in an interview that he was pained and surprised by the extent of the skepticism he found here about Nigeria's sincerity in

fighting drugs.

He said the government has created "a very powerful task force of cabinet ministers to address drug matters and finan-cial crimes" and he has a hudget

drug traffic. According to the State Department's annual report on worldwide narcotics traffic, published in April, Nigeria has made some modest efforts to interdict beroin and cocaine shipments and did arrest and deliver three drug dealers sought by U.S. authorities.

But Nigeria's campaign focused on low-level drug couriers rather than major networks, and the government made no arrests for money-laundering, investigated no senior officials over there, and you can't bribe a and failed to protect judges from retaliation in drug cases. the report said. - -

Mr. Mohammed said Mr. Nieves's testimony and the The government has a long State Department's report relist of grievances with the Aba-cha government, which Wash-

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Manila Faces Ban on U.S. Flights

MANIIA (AP) — The U.S. government is threatening to cancel all U.S.-bound flights from Manila unless the authorities improve security at the capital's Ninoy Aquino International Airport, Philippine officials and reports said Monday.

The Business Daily Newspaper said the wanning was issued this month by the Federal Aviation Administration, which gave Philippine authorities there months to make the required improve

ippine authorities three months to make the required improvements. In a statement, the Philippine Department of Transporta-

ments. In a statement, the Philippine Department of Transporta-tion and Communications deplored the release of the "confidential" report and expressed confidence that the airport could meet the 90-day deadline.

The department said the country's second major international, airport, in Cebu, 350 miles (560 kilometers) southeast of Manila. had received passing marks from the aviation administration. U.S. Embassy officials declined to comment on the report.

Vietnam will begin work this year on a \$50 million terminal for Hanoi's Noi Bai International Airport, an official report said, Monday. Aviation authorities say the terminal could handle 2.5 million airline passengers a year after the first phase was completed in 1997, the state-run Vietnam News reported.

Railroad said in line parts is being threatened by wid wind their of copper cables for scrap metal, the state network said

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Les Aspin Dies, Was Lawmaker and Defense Chief

pin, 56, a Democratic representative from Wisconsin for 22 first year. By the end of the years and secretary of defense year, he was viewed by the for the first 11 months of the White House as indecisive and

war in Vietnam, and in his early years in Congress he was an outspoken critic of the Penta-

But his views shifted after he Leslie Aspin Jr. was born on news releases exposing what he became chairman of the House July 21, 1938, in Milwaukee. He believed to be wasteful Pentawar against Iraq under Presi-dent George Bush.

year as the chairman of a presivices, particularly the CIA.

Armed Services Committee in earned an undergraduate degon spending. He cridcized a 1985. He endorsed much of the gree from Yale University, a wide range of practices, includmilitary buildup under Presi-dent Ronald Reagan and was a University and a doctorate in strong supporter of the Gulf economics from the Massachu-cost overruns in shipbuilding

WASHINGTON — Les Asn, 56, a Democratic represenby President Bill Clinton in his

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the toughest international and fense Secretary Robert S. MoNamara
by President Bill Clinton in his
In 1970, at the age of 32, he

Sunday night. He had suffered a stroke Saturday.

Mr. Aspin was elected to Congress in 1970 in large part because of his opposition to the sunday in the sunday in the sunday in the sunday have been forced from the sunday of the sunday in th

vices Committee and immedidential commission charged ately began to attack the close with reviewing the operations relationship hetween senior of the nation's intelligence ser-lawmakers and the Pentagon. Week after week, he issued

news releases exposing what he and the care of officers' pets at in the 1960s, he performed government expense. He was As secretary of defense, Mr. his military service as an econo-Aspin was involved in some of mist at the Pentagon under De-anti-war efforts in Congress.

fense Secretary Robert S. Mo-Namara. In the years that followed, dential campaign. His selection Mr. Aspin became less of a gad-as secretary of defense in De-fly and more of a serious stu-was elected to the House from a dent of the military. By 1985, he praised, although some military was recognized as a leading congressional authority oo Pen-

By this time, his politics had

no experience managing a large organization like the Fentagen. In retrospect, his limited changed, to the dismay of the management ability can be seen liberal wing of his party. He to have hurt him as defense secretary. He tried to mediate the prolonged fight between the White House and the military urged fellow Democrats to shed

On one of the most divisive policy matters of the time, he supported the development of the multiple-warhead MX missile, which many liberals thought was too expensive and disruptive of the relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union.

In 1992, along with Senator

man of the Senate Armed Ser-

vices Committee, Mr. Aspin

the party's dovish image. brass over whether to allow homosexuals to serve in the armed forces. He was also widely criticized for deciding not to reinforce American troops in Soma-

lia in the weeks before 18 U.S. soldiers died in a raid. He sought to articulate a new vision of what the structure of Sam Nunn of Georgia, chairthe military should be. But in an administration oot known for was a chief adviser on military seemed unable to close a discus- fense policy, ran into diffipolicy to Mr. Clinton's presi- sion and reach a decision.

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